





## Christmas isn't cancelled!

Have you heard the news? The Flora Garden elves have been working hard this week because Santa Clause is coming to town! Next week, pupils will have the opportunity to meet Santa in his grotto here at Flora Gardens. Pupils can meet Santa and receive an exciting gift to take home! The cost is £2.50 and must be paid via SIMs pay under 'events'.

If you have walked passed my classroom in the morning, you will know that I have been blaring Christmas songs for the past three weeks now (at least). I am guilty of being one of those people who play Christmas music in November. I'm pretty sure Mrs Taylor has been wearing ear plugs in the morning so she doesn't get sick of the songs before Christmas! What I say is – why not? Why not sing Jingle Bells louder and earlier this year. This Christmas, above any other years, we deserve it. If something brings you joy, then you need to do it! Unfortunately, me singing Christmas songs at 7am may not bring others joy but sometimes you just have to do what makes you happy.

Some of my favourite memories over the past few years have been our class Christmas parties. That's why this year we will not be cancelling our Christmas celebrations! We have all worked hard over the past year and we should celebrate how far we have all come! On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, each class will be celebrating what we have achieved over the past year and enjoy some treats too, of course! To ensure we can celebrate in the safest way possible, we are asking parents for a £1 donation towards party food and supplies. All food will be individually wrapped to avoid any cross contamination. You can make a donation towards the Christmas party at the school gate in the mornings or home time next week.

In addition, each class will have a Christmas post box if they would like to send cards to friends in their class. You can bring in Christmas cards from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and we are asking for all cards to be in before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December so we can hand them out the following week.

Finally, don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December to raise awareness for Save The Children. We will not be asking for donations this year. We are encouraging children to recycle old Christmas jumpers they have worn in the past. If you don't have a Christmas jumper, you could make one by using an ordinary jumper and attaching decorations. I will be awarding house points for creativity!

In other Christmas news, I have noticed that the elves haven't been all good this week, they have been causing chaos in the classrooms!

## Head: A S Naismith

Hi everyone,

On the day of my interview I was greeted in the playground by two pupils with big smiles and loud cheery hellos and I thought...aww isn't that lovely!

I have always enjoyed working in school offices. I have had the opportunity to work with secondary, SEN and PMLD pupils but I have always preferred being in a primary school.

By the warm welcome I have received it is clear that there is a positive, warm and nurturing environment here. I am very happy to be a part of Team Flora Gardens and look forward to meeting and speaking to everyone throughout the next few weeks.

Kind regards, Ms Campbell

This week in Reception we had a very special visitor arrive in our classroom! Fuzzy the elf came from the North Pole to make sure we were being good before Christmas. He has started to be a bit cheeky though and ate some chocolates from our advent calendar!



This week, Year 5 took part in a lesson on the 'Famous' Victorians' through OAA (outdoor adventurous activities).

This is a reminder for Nursery parents who have a child starting Reception in September 2021.

You must apply online by 15<sup>th</sup> January to secure a place. Visit https://www. eadmissions.org.uk/ to apply.

## Value Award Winners

Nursery: Marwan Reception: Kaila Year 1: Ramah Year 2: Janelle Year 3: Chelsea & Ianis Year 4: Iglas Year 5: Saoirse Year 6: Jana PE: Duarte Y2 Spanish: Kiyah Y4 Music: Year 3 & Year 4



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