



Squirrel Hayes First School  
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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Christmas Celebrations - BIG THANK YOU



A big thank you goes out to all Parent/Carers and families who have supported our learners in their 'festive celebrations' over the last couple of weeks.

Learners have performed in their Christmas Play 'Midwife Crisis' and at the 'Carol Concert' at St Lawrence's Church yesterday. Both events were well supported and the learners thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were proud to perform for our Learning Community.

It was also so lovely to see so many of you join us for our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday. I am sure you will join me in thanking the kitchen and all the staff for the hard work that went into organizing this event and feeding so many people.

### Fund Raising THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our recent 'fund raising events' in school.

To date the school has raised £972.56 through the Christmas fair, Christmas Raffle, Christmas Disco and Christmas Performances.

The school Council would like to put this money towards replacing the outdoor play equipment on the school field.

### Santa Visit



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A BIG thank you to Biddulph Rotary for attending Squirrel Hayes First School on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Every learner had the chance to visit Santa and receive a special Christmas gift from all of us at Squirrel Hayes First School. Learners absolutely loved this visit.

### Christmas Fair Success and Support



As a school community we want to say a big 'Thank You' to Sainsbury's for their very kind donations in support of our Christmas Fair. The school is lucky to be supported by Sainsbury's throughout the year and is very appreciative of our local community partnerships.

### Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year 2025



As school finishes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the learners, staff and Governors at Squirrel Hayes First School to wish you all a 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy New Year' for 2025.

Thank you for all your continued support this year, it is much appreciated by us all.

School closes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at the usual time 3:15pm

School will re-open in the New Year to both staff and learners on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### Space Cadets - Before and After School Club (based at Squirrel Hayes First School)



We understand that working around the school day can sometimes pose a challenge with the increasing demands of work and home life. Space Cadets is based at Squirrel Hayes First School and runs a before and after school club for school aged children aged 4 to 11 years old. Breakfast club runs from 7.30am - 8:45am (Squirrel Hayes children can just turn up so long as they are registered with Space Cadets). After school club runs from

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3.15pm-6.00pm (needs to be pre-booked). Space Cadets also run a holiday club available from 7.30am to 6.00pm. For further information please either speak to the office or call Krystle 07500803876.

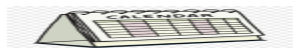
**Nursery Admissions**



Please be reminded that we have three Nursery intake's per year: (September, January and April)

Your child can join our nursery for 15 hours free education from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. If you have a child that will qualify or know anyone that does, please make them aware and ask them to contact the school office on 01782 973820 or email [admin@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk)

**Important Dairy Dates**



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Autumn Term. Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. *Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:*

| DATE                                | EVENT  | CLASS       |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 | School opens at 08:45am at the start of the New Year | All classes |

Yours sincerely,  
 Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team

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