

## Headteacher message

Only one more week to go! This term has flown by. Our children have been practising for their Christmas performances next week and are in the Christmas spirit. You are in for a treat.

### Scarlet fever

I hope that you have all read the letter regarding scarlet fever. It details symptoms you should look out for and preventative measures you can put in place. If your child displays any of the symptoms, please contact your GP and if diagnosis has been confirmed you must inform the school so that we are able to monitor cases across the school and strengthen any measures we need to take.

### Parent survey

A gentle reminder to please copy and paste the link below to complete your parent survey. The survey takes a couple of minutes to complete and helps to inform our next steps as a school.

<https://forms.gle/yqqKXhoG1rV7c2WA8>



### Last week of term

Our normal routines will be slightly disrupted due to rehearsals and performances. For some of our children, they may find these changes to normal school routines quite difficult to manage. We are aware who may be affected by these and will be doing our best to ensure that the children are prepared to alleviate any anxiety.



### Cold weather

Please ensure that your children are wearing coats or jackets to school. The temperature has dropped and the children will be playing outside—coats/jackets, hats and gloves at the ready! Unless there is a medical reason with supporting medical evidence, **all** children will be expected to go outside to play.



### Attendance Stars

KS1— Poppy class 85.8%

KS2—Orchid class 94.8%

Whole school— 84.3%

Our school target is 96%

**These classes can wear own clothes on**

**Thursday 15th December**



## Dates for diary

### Monday 12th December

Online safety workshop for parent at 3:30

### Tuesday 13th December

KS1 Christmas performance

### Thursday 15th December

KS2 Christmas concert

### Friday 16th December

Last day of term—school closes at 1:30pm



### Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School reopens to children

## Farewell

We will be saying a sad farewell to the following staff at the end of this term:

Ms Bownes, our wonderful reception teacher.

Mr Doukoure, a popular member of our support staff team.

Mrs Miller, a longstanding dedicated teaching assistant.

Mrs Pearce, our brilliant PE teacher.

All staff are moving onto new adventures and opportunities. Although we will miss them, we wish them the very best in all their future endeavours.

# Community



MERTON'S  
**COMMUNITY**  
**FRIDGE**

## Warm Wednesdays

Every Wednesday from 8:45am - 6pm



8:45am - 4:30pm - Drop in café  
open to all!

FREE BUT DONATIONS WELCOME



4:30-6pm - Community Fridge

FREE SURPLUS FOOD



4:30-6pm - Warm & hearty 'hot  
pot' meal

FREE BUT DONATIONS WELCOME



Until 6pm - Kids activities and a  
warm space

FREE



A warm, welcoming community space.  
Meet, eat, play and shop -  
all for free but donations welcome.

@ Morden Baptist Church, Crown Lane, SM45BL

# Well-being

We are always seeking ways to improve provision in our school so our children receive the best experience we can offer. We know that school can be an anxious time for some children for lots of different reasons and sometimes these anxieties can be short-lived and triggered at different times. We have a lot of support already in place but would like to further enhance this.

As such we are exploring the possibility of a therapy dog. Many schools use therapy dogs and report the many advantages the children have gained as result. The use of a therapy dog within our school will support children's development of empathy skills, as well as social skills. Children will learn that they need to adjust their behaviours to consider the needs of others, in this case the therapy dog. In addition therapy dogs can have a calming effect and support relationships within school. Research has indicated that therapy dogs have a direct impact on the following:

- \* Building confidence
- \* Alleviating anxiety, resulting in improved learning outcomes
- \* Improved relationships with peers and staff alike
- \* Increased motivation and readiness for learning

With the above in mind, I would like to introduce you all to Nelly. Nelly is a trained therapy dog who belongs to Mrs Tye, our Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Tye has kindly offered us the opportunity to host Nelly in our school. Nelly will be visiting our school on Friday for one hour only and will meet with a small group of children in order to ease her in gently. We are hoping that Nelly will be a good match for our school and if this is the case, we will slowly increase her time at the school. A thorough risk assessment is in place for her visit and subsequent visits. You will be receiving a letter requesting permission for your child to work with Nelly hopefully in the future. We hope that she will be a welcome addition to our therapeutic provision and that our school community will see the benefits of having her with us.



Hello everyone!. My name is Nelly.

# ENROLLING NOW!

## **Paediatric First Aid Cricket Green School**

<b>Tuesday 10 Jan 2023</b>	<b>11:00-15:00</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 Jan 2023</b>	<b>11:00-15:00</b>
<b>Tuesday 24 Jan 2023</b>	<b>11:00-15:00</b>

**Learn how to deal with First Aid  
emergencies specific to children.**

This course satisfies the guidelines and criteria as laid down by the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and OFSTED.

This a requirement for all nursery workers .

You will receive a certificate which is valid for 3 years .

In order to obtain this qualification, you must attend both days and complete the two units of accreditation.

To book a place please  
email: [kristina.burton@cricketgreen.merton.sch.uk](mailto:kristina.burton@cricketgreen.merton.sch.uk)



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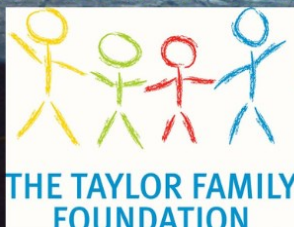
# FIRST STEPS DANCE CLUB

FREE WEEKLY DANCE CLUB FOR ALL AGED 8-12

LAUNCHES MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2023

4.30 - 6PM

GREEN ARTS CENTRE, CRICKET GREEN SCHOOL MITCHAM CR4 3AF  
FOR INFO OR TO SIGN UP CONTACT:  
[ANDREW.ALTY@CRICKETGREEN.MERTON.SCH.UK](mailto:ANDREW.ALTY@CRICKETGREEN.MERTON.SCH.UK)



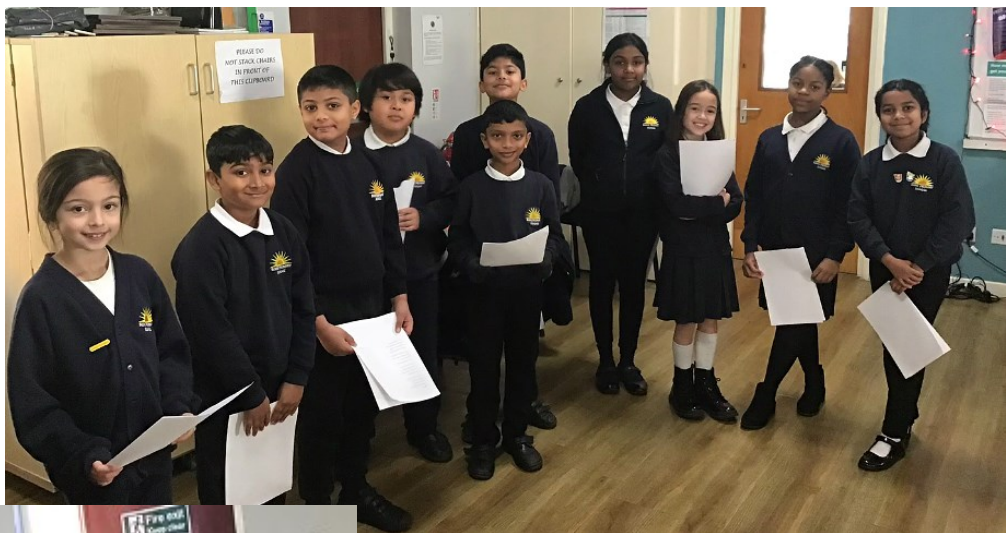
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# School Choir

On Tuesday, the School Choir went to Age UK to sing to their patrons before they had their Christmas lunch. We sang Rudolf, The Red Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman and We Wish you a Merry Christmas. Afterwards, they gave us a little chocolate to say thank you. I was incredibly proud of all of them. They really did themselves and our school proud!

Well done everyone!



Thank you Mr Sutcliffe!

# Christmas Cheer

Things have been getting very festive in year 5 during the month of December. Last week, we prepared a Christmas hoop using elves as our theme. Each pupil designed an elf which reflected their personality and as a class we thought that elves embodied the spirit of who we are as a class- 'little helpers'. For some pupils in Carnation class, they help their families at home, people in the community and peers in the class. At Christmas, especially, we feel that we can all give a little bit more to others and reflect on how fortunate we are with what we have.

We also celebrated Christmas jumper day, coming to school dressed to impress before gathering in the hall to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by our wonderful school chefs.

Year 5 are well and truly in the Christmas spirit!

