

## Headteacher message

Christmas preparations are firmly underway. Please note the dates for Christmas performances. Hopefully you have been able to book your tickets via Parent Pay.

### Monies raised

Your generosity over the years has helped us to raise sufficient funds to update our IT network and equipment to ensure that your children can continue to access a full computing curriculum. The cost of this is just over £30K. A special thanks to you all! Our fund raising will continue to help us to buy further equipment for the school.

### Reception Places 2024

A reminder that the deadline for applications for reception places is January 15th 2024. Information about how to apply can be found on the Merton website. Please share this information with friends and family.

### Scarlet Fever

Nationally there has been a recent rise in scarlet fever particularly in your children. Scarlet fever can be treated effectively if caught early to avoid more serious health complications. We have sent a letter via Parent-mail to all parents giving you key information about the illness and what to look out for.

## Attendance Stars

**Classes with the best attendance this week:**

**Poppy: 97.2%**

**Lotus : 95.7%**

**Whole school attendance: 92.8%**

**Remember our whole school target is 96%!**

**Please read our attendance newsletter.**



## Dates for diary

### Friday 15th December

Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

### Tuesday 19th December

KS1 performance to parents 9:30am and 2pm

KS2 Christmas parties

### Wednesday 20th December

KS1 Christmas parties

Last day for nursery children

KS2 Christmas concert – 9:30am and 2pm

### Thursday 21st December

School closes at 1:30pm

Stay and Play nursery (new parents)  
10am – 12pm

### Monday 8th January 2024

School reopens to children 8:50am



# COMMUNITY

## Christmas Carols & Pop-up Nativity



with real animals  
from Deen City Mobile Farm!

BRING CHILDREN DRESSED AS  
NATIVITY CHARACTERS  
**CHRISTINGLE** CRAFT ACTIVITY  
AND SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS

All Nations Revival Church at Cricket Green School  
Lower Green West, Mitcham. CR4 3AF  
07939 817836 | [www.allnationsrevivalchurch.com](http://www.allnationsrevivalchurch.com)

FREE INVITATION - EVERYONE WELCOME!  
Sunday 17th Dec | 3pm - 5.30pm

MITCHAM'S  
**WINTER  
WEEKEND**

Mitcham Fair Green and Market Square

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 3-8pm  
FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 3-8pm  
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 12-8pm  
SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 11-4pm

Event includes:  
Ice rink • Live music  
Christmas makers market  
Food • Plus more!

Scan QR code for more details

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Employment





# KEW GARDENS

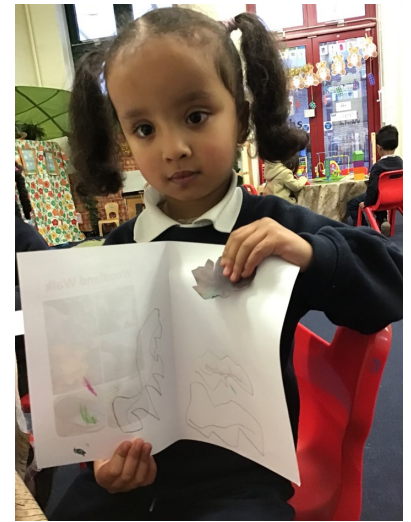
Despite the wind and the rain last week, it was so much fun! It was such a lovely opportunity for the children, they all loved Kew Gardens and amazed the workshop teachers (and us) with their knowledge of the Amazon. They found out some interesting facts about rainforest plants that can be used for medicine in the palm house. All the children were so well behaved on the many trains we had to take and really did us proud. Members of the public commented on how lovely and polite our children were.





# EYFS

Caterpillar Class had lots of fun going on a Woodland walk this week. We enjoyed collecting different coloured leaves, conkers, twigs and pine cones. We even



saw a squirrel and a frog. The frog was so fast and it jumped up really high!

We then made a Woodland Walk booklet and drew all the things we found on our walk.





**Talk Autism is a forum for parents and carers  
of children, young people and adults with autism**

**Next event**

Monday 11 December 2023, 11.30am – 1.30pm

**Location**

In-person at the Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden SM4 6PX

**Festive social lunch event  
for  
Talk Autism members (parents and carers)**

Join us for a festive buffet lunch and refreshments  
and meet other parents and carers of people autism

Meet the Merton Mencap team and find out about our  
charity's services and activities

The session is appropriate for parents and carers of children, young people  
or adults with autism.

Booking is essential for catering purposes. Book your place by contacting  
Maria Solari:

# WELLBEING



## Support for Parents & Carers

### Free workshops for parents and carers

Support from Off the Record is primarily for young people; however, from time to time we offer support to parents or carers in the form of groups or workshops. The work we do with young people is completely separate and confidential.

We are currently running group sessions to help parents and carers become better informed and offer appropriate support to young people who are struggling with self-harm and struggling with getting to school.

Sessions are a non-judgemental and supportive space to help us look at coping strategies and ways to support yourself and your young person.

Upcoming workshop:

**Self Harm Support for Parents/Carers:** 5th & 12th December,  
6.30pm

You can sign up directly through the link: [https://  
www.talkofftherecord.org/sutton/support-for-parents-carers/](https://www.talkofftherecord.org/sutton/support-for-parents-carers/)