



News from the Federation – 15 December 2023



Celebrating Christmas at Fawcett

Nursery stay and play:

Both adults and children had a lot of fun playing games and creating Christmas crafts.



KS1 Performance:

We are so proud of our KS1 children who put on a brilliant show. It was hard to say which was more sparkly – the costumes or the performances. Please remember, that if you filmed the play, this is not to be shared on any social media platforms



Year 6 trip to The Perse:

Year 6 children had a great morning at the Perse Preparatory School on Wednesday. Local storyteller, Marion Leeper, told them the story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Afterwards, we discussed how we can learn from the story. For example, the importance of learning from our mistakes.



Sewcial Club:



Another success for the Sewcial Club sewers as they proudly showcase their festive creations!

Dates and Events

Term Dates:

These can be found on our website using the link:

<https://www.trumpington-federation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133>

Last day of this term

Wednesday 20th December

First day of the Spring term

Monday 8th January 2024

Y2 Fitzwilliam Class trip to the Mosque

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Reception place deadline:

Applications for Reception class places must be made by 15th January. If your child already attends Nursery at the Federation, you must still apply for a place. Children are not automatically given a place. Further guidance about admissions can be found using this link: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/primary-reception-junior-or-middle-school>.

Reading over the Christmas holidays:

Please encourage your child to keep up the reading over the holidays. Children in Y2 - Y6 can still use Accelerated Reader during this period. They can choose to read physical books or books on Myon via the link in their class's Google Classroom. Over the holidays, we encourage children to quiz upon completion of a book but they should not be helped with the answers. They can find the link to the quizzing website using our school's website. See below:



Disco:

Thank you to everyone who supported our disco last Friday – it was a super success. The children all had a fabulous time and we raised nearly £600!

Changes to communication:

We strongly believe that communication between school and home is of the utmost importance so that we can support our children as much as possible. We aim to communicate the positives but it is sometimes necessary to inform when a child has received a Time Out B or C. In the New Year, this will be communicated via email, rather than a hard copy of the letter being sent home with the child.

Fencing Taster:



Children in Wolfson Class took part in a Fencing Taster Session led by Sarah Paveley at Cambridgeshire Sword. What a great opportunity for Year 4 to experience a new and exciting sport! Trinity Class, Year 5 and Year 6 will get this opportunity in the New Year. For more information please see the link.

<https://bookwhen.com/cambridgesword?tags=#focus=ev-sn6k-20231207151500>

A message from Mrs Dalton the Executive Headteacher:

Firstly, I would like to give a big shout to all the staff who work so hard at the Federation. Their effort in organising performances, celebrations and trips and visits this term has been phenomenal. Many giving up their time and weekends to attend training and support extracurricular events.

Sadly, sometimes it is easy to send of an e-mail, or post something on social media that is negative about our schools. We value feedback and are always seeking to improve. It is also however just as easy to write an e-mail or post something positive too. A Thank you or well done can also go a long way to motivating staff and volunteers to keep putting on extra events such as the school disco and Christmas Fair and giving up their own time to take children on fieldtrips and visits which extend well beyond the usual school day. We know that many parents are extremely busy, but if we all give a little and work together then we can ensure that our children continue to benefit from these opportunities.

All fund raising this year is being used to support The OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project. This is greatly enhancing playtimes and lunchtimes at the Federation. All fundraising will be put towards this project. But we need your help and support too. Staff cannot do this alone. We look forward to continuing our collaboration in the New Year and wish everyone in our community a happy holiday.

Children will be welcomed back to school on **Monday 8th January.**

