

Ifield School's Newsletter



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Dear Ifield Families, Pupils, Governors, Staff and Friends,

Amazingly, we have reached the end of another year. As 2023 now comes to a close, like many, I find myself reflecting on a year filled with many joys and triumphs. Throughout 2023, pupils have excelled themselves and I am extremely proud of the pupils and all that they have achieved.

The magic of Christmas commenced at Ifield during the last two weeks of term. As a school, we were fortunate to celebrate Christmas as a school community together. As always, your wonderful children engaged and embraced their learning and the magical Christmas opportunities our staff team planned to ensure we have kept our pupils at the heart of all we do.

At Ifield School, we are very fortunate to work together as a team of highly dedicated and skilled staff. I would like to thank all pupils, staff, Governors, families and friends of Ifield School for your continued support throughout 2023.

I would like to draw your attention that the Local Authority have opened a consultation called Locality Model for Special Educational Needs Inclusion. Kent County Council are seeking views from families and staff about the SEN provision across Kent, with the primary focus on how the Local Authority are working to support children and young people with SEN. I will be sharing our views on behalf of the school, however I encourage all families and staff to also complete the consultation. The consultation closes on 24th January 2024. I will share the link again in the New Year. Please complete the survey here: <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/locality-model-for-special-educational-needs-inclusion>.

I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 and I very much look forward to the year ahead and the exciting opportunities that 2024 will bring for everyone at Ifield School.

Very best wishes,

Maddie Arnold-Jones
Headteacher



School Christmas Lunches

A big thank you to our Kitchen Team who cooked over 200 Christmas dinners on two separate days. Pupils and staff all very much enjoyed their food, cracker jokes and a fantastic performance from the School Choir. Buddy, our Elf also made a special appearance.



PTFA NEWS



The Autumn Term is always a very busy and exciting time for the PTFA, as there are lots of community events.

The academic year commenced with the Fun Day and we were blessed with a dry day. The pupils and their families enjoyed taking part with the activities and meeting Peter Rabbit. As always, our School Choir sang beautifully and were joined by staff for a final song.

The Fancy Dress Disco took place in October 2023 when the pupils had the opportunity to dress up. As always, the pupils enjoyed dancing the night away as well as the older pupils having an opportunity to socialise with their friends, whilst eating hotdogs.

The Christmas Market was also a great success. The pupils particularly enjoyed seeing our very own Father Christmas and his elves in the magical grotto.

All these events are planned to provide a social event for our pupils and their families as well as an opportunity to raise money. The Christmas Market raised over £2000.00.

The friends and families of Ifield School are always very generous and this year we agreed that £10,000.00 would be spent on a custom-made stage and £10,000.00 would be used to develop the sensory garden.

The pupils loved performing on the stage and we are grateful for everyone's support.

If you would like to join the PTFA, please contact the school office.

Surprise Visit

On Wednesday 13th December, pupils were very excited to receive a very special surprise visit from Father Christmas and one of his elves.

Pupils were able to meet our special guests at Ifield Life. It was very moving to experience the incredible reactions from our pupils, their smiles, gestures and interactions most definitely indicated pupils were delighted Father Christmas made the time to visit Ifield School amongst his busy schedule.

