



December 2020

Dear Parents/carers

A final message for the year. The children have prepared some lovely Christmas 'gifts' for you and we will be emailing these to you! Thanks to FOCSA for meeting the cost of the party food this week. The children have enjoyed a good week despite many things having to change.

I hope you have a safe and happy Christmas. Please refer to my letter of the 9th December in the event of an outbreak of COVID (Copy on our school website under newsletters).

School returns on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Best wishes, Mrs Harkin

The Christmas Pine

Once upon a time I stood
With brothers and sisters in a wood.
The old trees told me I had grown
From a tiny seed inside a cone.
The whispering wind was a friend of mine.
She said that I would grow and shine.
I grew up tall. I grew up high.
I grew until I saw the sky.
Then came the day they cut me down
And carried me off to a distant town.
I travelled far across the sea,
And now I am a Christmas tree.
Here I stand, in a city square.
I stand and shine in the winter air.
The lions keep me company
And Nelson keeps an eye on me,
And people pass and stop awhile.
I love to see them gaze and smile.
But more, yes, more than anything
I love to hear the children sing.
Songs of reindeer, songs of snow,
Reminding me of long ago,
Songs of kings who travelled far,
And songs of light from a distant star.
I cannot stay forever here.
Another tree will come next year,
But think of me when I am gone;
Remember how I grew and shone,
And may the children grow and shine,
Grow and shine like the Christmas pine.

by Julia Donaldson, 2020

Key dates

Monday 4th Jan' 2021 PD Day
New spring term starts 5th Jan' 2021

Clubs start 11th Jan'.

Half term 15th February
Last Day 26th March - Easter break

Summer term 12th April -20th July.

Half term week of 31st May
Monday 7th June - PD Day.