

Newsletter



Autumn Term

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19th December 2017



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Dear Parents/Carers

We have all enjoyed a fun filled last couple of weeks at school. Staff and Governors had a very tasty Christmas dinner last week with the children, sharing crackers and jokes around the tables.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas concerts this week; the children all performed really well and we are very proud of them. Please remember not to upload your precious photos onto social media sites and help us to keep your children safe.

The PTFA worked really hard selling raffle tickets and teas and coffees at all the performances. They raised a magnificent £384! Thank you to everyone who supported in any way. The fantastic Christmas hampers were won by Ms Hammond, Mrs Franczak and Mrs Hussain. Please have a look at the PTFA facebook page to check for future fundraising events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the last year and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. I look forward to working in partnership with you again in 2018 as the school moves into the next exciting stage of our new build and expansion.

Karen Headland

Parking

Can we remind you **not** to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school when dropping off and picking up children. This is dangerous to both parents and children. The Bell or Church car park is for you to use for parking. Thank you.

Attendance

Well done Rabbits last week with 99.2% attendance. Attendance target for the whole school is 98% currently the whole school's attendance is 96.3%. Lets see if we can drive this up next year. Well done to all the children for getting their bronze award for attendance.



Diary Dates

19th December—Last day of Autumn term

2nd January—Teacher training day school closed to all pupils

3rd January—First day of Spring term back to school for all pupils

5th January— There is no parking after 12 noon in the church car park due to a funeral taking place and there will be limited parking in The Bell.

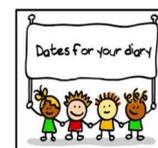
8th January—Zoolab workshop visit to Rabbits class

9th January— Gymnastic club starts after school 3.30pm-4.30pm

10th January—Lunchtime Multi sports club starts 12.30pm-1.00pm

11th January—Dance club starts after school 3.30pm-4.30pm

12th January— Deposit and reply slips to be in for Caldecotte Xperience trip Badgers & Otters class



Postcard Picnic

Well done to :Poppy, Adam, Isaac, True, Luca, Kacper, Theo, Harry A, Ethan, Kayla-Jane, Dusan, Mateusz, Zachary, Aiden, Evelyn, Vinnie, Penelope, Alfie, Hannah, Abigail, Sara, Tyne, Rosie H, Daisy.

They were sent a postcard this half term. Mrs Headland has shared a picnic with them this week to celebrate their achievement . Well done to you all.

Nut Allergies

Can we remind you not to send nuts into school with your child under any circumstances. We have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you.



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Preschool- 30 hour funding

Please can we remind you that you need to apply or if you have previously, to reapply for your 30 hour funding . If this is your first time applying you can apply from now, if you are reapplying this can be done between 1/12/17 & 18/12/17. If you have any queries the school can be on hand to help, but you do have up to 31/12/17. Please ensure you have applied otherwise you will not get your funding for the Spring term. We are aware that nationally some parents are experiencing issues when renewing, HMRC are aware and they will get in touch with those who are effected once the renewal process has been triggered by the parent. Many thanks.

Envelopes

Can we remind you that all money being sent into school needs to come in a **sealed envelope** with your child's name, class, amount and what the money is for. It does not have to be in a money envelope any envelope will be fine providing it contains the above details. The school can no longer supply money envelopes, the supplier we used previously doesn't stock them anymore. Many thanks.



Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**. There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Many Thanks.

Cold weather

Please can you ensure your child has in school on a daily basis a jumper/ cardigan, coat, hat, and a pair of gloves. The children need to be warm for outdoor play. Thank you.



Preschool—Spring funding

Spring funding forms need to be completed the first week back to school in January, please bring to preschool with you your partners national insurance number and your number if applicable as the forms need to be completed on site. Thank you.



Can we just remind you that any amendment or booking to before or after school club care needs to be made directly through Dawn til Dusk. We cannot book your child in please call them on **07833207070** or **01234 930505**. Many thanks.

Bag 2 School

Your child has been given a bag for any donations you may have. Please bring in to school on 15th January for collection, you can also use a normal bin bag if you need to. Thank you for your support all monies raised go to the school funds.

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