



30th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Assembly

Well done to Year One for their beautiful Christmas assembly. The children did a fantastic job retelling the story of the Nativity. Every child worked incredibly hard to produce such a detailed narrative, really setting us up for Christmas preparations. Thank you too for providing the lovely costumes.

Reception's Christmas Assembly will place at 9:30 on Friday the 7th December 2018.

Advent

In order for our Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) to fully understand the Christmas Story, we have invested in travelling story bags, which include a wooden nativity, nativity book and prayer. We will send this story bag home each night with a different child for you to share with them and help them understand the importance of the Christmas Story. This will start on Monday as the season of Advent begins. Please look after them and return the story bags the next day.

Year 6 Trip

Year 6 had a wonderful opportunity to visit the Garrick Theatre to see Macbeth. The children have been working on Macbeth in class and this trip consolidated their knowledge with a real life performance. Many thanks to the parent volunteers who accompanied the children.

Year 5 Trip

Year 5 made a trip to the Science Museum this week to the Wonder lab and watched in 3-D a documentary on what it is like to live in space. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they took so much from their visit to enhance their knowledge.

Year 2 Trip

Year 2 are going to the British Museum on Monday to learning about London in the Past linked to their topic of the Great Fire of London.

Soft Start

Many schools has moved towards a 'soft start' to the school day, meaning children are dropped into the school playground and then they make their way directly to the classroom, just like we do on wet mornings. Children can begin entering the building from 8:45am when the gates open. Not only does this alleviate the morning rush at 8:55am, but it also maximises learning time. If parents/ carers need to communicate with their class teacher, please write a



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short note and send it in with your child. Parents/ carers can still catch up with teachers after school.

PTA

PTA Christmas Cards

Update on delivery: The Christmas cards and other ordered items will be delivered to school early next week - so on time to send Christmas wishes.

PTA Committee

As you know the PTA needs to recruit more committee members and trustees to keep its mission of creating links between school and families and founding enrichment activities for all the pupils. Parents/carers are still needed to commit for a year or two. We still need parent reps for Nursery, Year 2 and Year 5. We also need parents who will commit to help throughout the year either for specific events.

We are extremely grateful to the lovely handful of parents who are always helping and often end up doing much more than what was initially planned. It would be really appreciated if other parents would take the big step and agree on helping too.

Last but not least, only one parent volunteered at the Summer Fair last July under the **£4£ scheme** (school website for more info) against 5 the year before. It means a huge financial loss in the PTA income. It really feels like a bitter failure since the money isn't coming from parents/carers/friends/families but from companies which are legally bound to act for the local community. Parents who have access to these types of schemes are kindly asked to consider allowing the school to benefit from their entitlement.

Year 5 and 6 Swimming Preliminaries

Well done to our year 5 and 6 Swimming Team who took part in the swimming preliminaries ahead of the swimming gala taking place on the 14th of December. We await news on which members of our team qualified to participate in the finals.

Swimming Team: Swim Hats

Many thanks to the family that funded our new school swimming team's swimming hats with the school name and logo. This generous donation will really boost the morale of the team and help everyone identify our children when they swim in the Gala finals on the 14th of December.

Like this, if there is anything you would like to sponsor or fund, please do not hesitate to contact us. Generous donations such as this one really benefit our children, especially in a time when our budgets are so restricted.



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GDPR Queries

We have had many questions regarding GDPR after sending our most recent letter about the updates. We must make it clear to parents that the issue around photographing and videoing is specifically with regards to the capturing of images, therefore we cannot take photographs or videos, or permit others to take photographs and videos and blur out the children who do not have permission. We as a school would be in breach of the new data protection regulations. Please also be reminded, that no photographs should ever find their way on to social media.

As all parents in Year 1 consented to photographs, we as a school were permitted to record this performance. We will be able to do this for other classes, providing that all children have the appropriate permission for their image to be captured.

We thank all the Year 1 parents and carers who attended and fully adhered to our new guidelines. Many thanks for making a difficult transition as smooth as possible.

School Nurse

The school nurses team administered the flu nasal spray for those children whose parents had returned forms requesting it, on Monday the 26th. If your child received the flu nasal spray, they would have brought home a certificate to inform you of this. The School Nurse will be returning to the school for the Year 5 children that did not have the opportunity to receive the spray.

The Wednesday Word

This Sunday we light the first Advent candle, as a symbol of **HOPE** we have in Jesus.
“Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God.” Pope Francis

Have a good weekend
Yours Sincerely

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