



Christmas Newsletter

Dear Parents,

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love this Christmas and mutual support.

Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example.

Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence.

May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Message from the staff

All staff would like to thank those parents who have supported them with home learning, payments for trips, fund raising, correct uniform and good attendance this term. Working together we strive to do the best for each child in our care.

Thank you also for the generous Christmas gifts that have been received by the staff too.

Awards

Congratulations to the following children.

Impeccable Uniform Award

Louisa

Jack

Writing Award

Henry

Piotr

Maths Award

Jayden

Tidiest Classroom

Parrots

"High Expectations For All"

Musical Giving This Christmas

Our school Choir have been very busy in the run up to Christmas!



On December 6th, all 70 children went and performed Christmas music to the members of the “Open Door” Club at the Cornerstone Church. The children sang beautifully (and some played their Flutes). After they had sung, they went round and talked to the elderly people and this too was much appreciated.

On December 12th we were able to take 20 children to the Magna Nursing Home. This was such a special time and the children sang their hearts out. Many of the residents were moved to tears by their beautiful singing and again, it was greatly appreciated.



“High Expectations For All”

This is the message received from the Manager of Magna Nursing Home:

"With so many thanks for your visit yesterday to our home, the children are such an asset to you; I don't know whether you were aware but for many people here it became a very emotive experience, Clare, our activities organiser has been here for twenty two years and can say that your school provided the best music that the care home has heard -you must be very proud."

As well as singing at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Thursday, our Choir will also be singing at Kingston Lacy on Saturday 16th at 4pm. This promises to be such a lovely occasion and we are all looking forward to it.

KS2 Carol Service

This will be held in the church on Tuesday December 19th at 2pm. Do please join us.

KS1 Nativity

What a wonderful time was had by all of the family and friends who were able to attend the performance in the Church on Wednesday. We thought that by holding the event in the Church, there would be more room for parents and families to sit comfortably and see the children on a bigger stage. It is such a pity that some people found it appropriate to stand on the pews which of course blocked the view for other audience members.



Hooke Court

Year 4 went to Hooke Court last week on a one day residential trip. They had a very exciting and informative time and are now feeling like experts on Tudor life. They participated in Tudor dressing, baking, making pouches, writing with a quill, had a wonderful Christmas banquet followed by medieval dancing- what a packed and great experience had by all. Also,

we are delighted to say that Jude, who had an accident whilst we were there, is now recovering well at home.

Photos of the trip are now available on the Year 4 school website page.



Senior Citizens Party

This was attended by members of our community who had the most marvellous time being entertained by our Y6 pupils, choir and flautists. They all participated in a lovely finger buffet and then had gifts to take home. Thank you to the Y6 pupils and staff for organising this.

Change of Collection

We respectfully remind parents to inform either the class staff or office staff if there is a change of collection.

If it's very short notice and you need to ring in, please persevere as we know the office can get busy. It is important that the school can tell the class teacher and have a record of the change of collection.

Calling friends directly and making arrangements privately is not a substitute for informing the school. Without a safe word the staff will not allow the child to leave this is also the case if a designated collector sends someone else on their behalf; children will only be released into the care of the adult nominated by the parent with the correct safe word.

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Appointments

Please can parents give the office as much notice as possible if a child is going to be late in or collected early, due to a medical / dental appointment. Your assistance with this would be appreciated as we can often have the child ready for collection at the office and not have to leave the office to get them from their class.

Donated Football Kit



A big “Thank you” to the parent who nominated our school for the free football kit. Our team look so smart and proud.

PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank you for supporting our last two events and an even bigger thank you to the parents who have attended the meetings and given up their time to help out. We have **raised over £1500** from the Christmas Fayre and the School Disco and look forward to many more successful events in 2018. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 10th January at 6.30pm in the Parish Lounge**, where we will review these events and discuss forthcoming fundraisers, this will include “Money Squares” which we are very excited about – more details will follow next year. Please do come along if you can.

In Memory

For those of you who may remember a previous caretaker, Mr Ray Holmes, he passed in November.

Please remember his family and friends in your prayers.

Important dates

Whole School	Break for Christmas	1.30 Wednesday 20th December
Whole School	Staff Day	Wednesday 3 January 2018
Whole School	Start	Thursday 4 January 2018

May the season's blessings be amongst you all,

Mrs Clare Tickel

Head teacher



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