

## **Messages from the Office**

### **Message from Mrs Druce**

Last Thursday, Mrs Williams, Mrs Vidal and myself were promoting the parking letter I sent last Tuesday by walking around Christ Church Mount in the morning. Thank you to the many parents that have voiced support. We will continue to promote safe parking when we can but using the school's resources like this is unsustainable, as we need to be with the children. Therefore, thank you for your co-operation in parking considerably and safely in surrounding roads.

### **Lunchtime appointments**

If your child will be absent from school at lunchtime due to an appointment and they have a school dinner please can you advise the Office either on the morning of the appointment or before so that we can let the kitchen know. This applies even if your child has a universal free school meal.

### **Sickness**

Unfortunately it is the time of year when sickness bugs are prevalent. Please can we remind parents and carers that children must be kept at home for a minimum of 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Eg. A child that was last sick on Sunday evening, should not come in until Wednesday morning.

### **Late collection at the end of day**

Occasionally circumstances beyond parents' and carers' control result in children being picked up late from school. In order to ensure the safety of our pupils, we are changing the arrangements for children who are picked up late. Any children who are not collected on time from the gate will wait in Mrs Druce, Miss Swann and Mrs Dray's office to be collected. Parents / carers will need to come to the school office to collect their children. This will allow us to ensure that all children are collected safely and to keep the office waiting area clear for visitors at this busy time in the school day. Any children not collected by 3.25pm will be taken to Sunset and a charge for an ad-hoc session will be made. As a reminder, Reception finish school at 3.00pm, Year 1 and Year 2 at 3.05pm and Years 3 to 6 at 3.15pm. Thank you for your help in ensuring that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Information regarding the Christmas lunch on Thursday 14 December has been sent home today. This is a wonderful occasion when the children and teachers sit down for Christmas lunch together. If your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch and they don't normally have a school dinner on Thursdays, please ensure you complete the necessary form and payment, if required, by **Friday at noon**.

### **Christmas Cards**

The Christmas card postbox is back! If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their friends, please encourage them to post the cards in the red pillar box in the Office area. These are then distributed to the children daily by our lovely Year 6 children. To aid this, can you please make sure the recipient's name and class is marked clearly on the envelope. Please note, there is a separate box for posting a letter to Father Christmas which is in the Office next to Ms Saunt.

### **West Gate Message**

Please could you ensure your child does not turn on the lights of other children's scooter and bikes when passing by the bike rack. Many thanks.



## Coming up soon:

December		
Tuesday 5.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	Y2 Nativity for Parents/Carers in the hall
Thursday 7.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	1R and 1W Nativity for Parents/Carers in the hall
Friday 8.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	1A and 1F Nativity for Parents/Carers in the hall
w/b Monday 11.12.17	-	No internal clubs this week and for the rest of the term
Tuesday 12.12.17	-	Y2 - Y6 Homework due in but none sent home this week
Tuesday 12.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	RV's First Christmas Carols for Parents/Carers in the hall
Wednesday 13.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	RL's First Christmas Carols for Parents/Carers in the hall
Thursday 14.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	YN Nativity Tableaux for Parents/Carers in the hall Children taking part will be those attending nursery Wed pm to Fri pm
Thursday 14.12.17	9.45am – 11.00am	SGSC Generations Coffee Morning for retired residents and our children's grandparents
Thursday 14.12.17	Lunchtime	YR – Y6 Christmas lunch for children at school – More details to follow
Thursday 14.12.17	Afternoon	YN Christmas Parties for children only Children taking part will be those attending nursery Wed pm to Fri pm
Friday 15.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	RW's First Christmas Carols for Parents/Carers in the hall
Friday 15.12.17	2.00pm	Mince Pie thank you for Parents/Carers that have helped the school this term
Friday 15.12.17	-	Save the Children charity event – Wear a Christmas Jumper and mufti day- £1 donation



### Year 1 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.17

This is a very exciting week! We are looking forward to performing our Nativity to you on Friday. Everyone has worked very hard to make the show a success and we are sure you will enjoy watching the children in action.

This week we will be continuing to learn about the Christmas story and we will be writing and illustrating our own version of what is in the Bible.

In maths this week we will be reviewing the areas we have covered this half term. We will be practising a variety of skills including, counting, addition and subtraction, number bonds to 10, odd and even numbers and 2D shapes.

It was lovely to see lots of you at the Christmas Market, now it's time for us to make our Christmas cards. Each year children make a card for the school to send to the local community as well as the ones they make for their families. Suffice to say you can expect to notice the odd spot of glitter on your child during these last few weeks of term!

We would also like to remind you that our class party will be on Monday 18 December. We would like to thank you in advance for your food contributions which should be brought in on the day. Please see the label in your child's Learning Journal at the end of this week with a request for a particular type of food. This should enable us to make sure that there is a balance of food types at the party. Please remember that you only need to provide a **small amount** of food (enough for 6-8 children) and not enough for the whole class. Could we also request that any food containers are also name labelled so that we can return them to you?

Also, please can you remind your children to return their reading books and only take one book at a time.

Lastly, just to let you know a child in Year 1 has been treated for threadworm. If you suspect

your child may have it, please see a pharmacy for medication.

Enjoy your week,

The Year 1 Team




### Year 2 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.17

The children are very excited to be performing to their grown-ups tomorrow. Please check the letter sent out last week regarding the performance and where to queue.

In English we will be feeling festive with a new unit of work on this year's John Lewis Christmas advert, Moz the Monster. The children will be exploring the characters by acting out the story and hot seating Moz and Joe. There will also be opportunities for the children to develop their comprehension skills as we unpick the events in the story.

In maths this week we will be continuing our work on fractions. The children will begin to use the Cuisinaire rods that they were introduced to last week in order to represent familiar fractions such as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

E.g.  $\frac{1}{3}$  --- 

E.g.  $\frac{1}{4}$  --- 

They will begin to understand how to add and subtract fractions which have the same denominator to further reinforce fractions being 'part of a whole'. Towards the end of the week, we will be introducing the term 'equivalence' by finding other fractions that mean the same as  $\frac{1}{2}$ . For example  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{6}$ ,  $\frac{4}{8}$  etc.

Coming up soon in speedy maths (\* indicates new learning):

w/b 4.12.17	*Know 10x table at speed Know 2x table at speed Add and subtract 1-digit from 2-digit at speed Count on in 2s Add units at speed
w/b 11.12.17	*Know 10x table at speed Know 2x table at speed Add and subtract 1-digit from 2-digit at speed Count on in 2s Add units at speed

Finally, we are experiencing a shortage of bookband books, particularly those of Purple, Gold, White and Lime Green levels. Please can you have a look round at home and send back any you might find, so the children have plenty to read. Miss Swann is currently arranging a new book order, but any that you might have at home would be a great start to replenishing our collection of books. Thanks for your support with this.

Have a great week,

Mrs Glaister, Miss Burgess and Mrs Temlett



### Year 3 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.17

This week in English, the children will be writing a biography. Later in the week we are going to be linking our English work with RE (Christianity). The children are going to be hearing stories about Jesus performing miracles, think about the key parts of the stories and retell them using storyboards.

In maths, we will be tackling some problems using our subtraction skills. This will include working out what word problems are asking us and refining our use of a systematic approach to problem solving.

Coming up soon in speedy maths:

w/b 4.12.17	Know mixed 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 10x tables at speed. Add 1-digit to 3-digit numbers. Subtract 1-digit from 3-digit numbers.
w/b 11.12.17	Know 2x, 5x 10x tables and related division facts at speed. Know doubles and halves to 20.

In our themed learning time this week, the children will be using the photographs they have taken to make videos with Windows Moviemaker. They will be importing the photographs from the school network and improving their slideshows by adding transitions and text. They are also going to be working on reading music and playing a part in a class melody.

Lastly just a reminder about the residential trip to the Golden Hinde:

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please may we remind you that you will need to log into Tucasi, go to the trip section, tick the consent box and pay a deposit of £25.00 by Wednesday 6 December. If we have not received your permission and deposit by Wednesday 6 December we will assume that you do not wish your child to take part. Unfortunately, once we have booked the trip we may not be able to add any more children so it is important that you respond by the deadline if you wish your child to attend.

Have a good week,

Mrs Smith and Mr Loughlin



### Year 4 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.17

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas market – we hope you are enjoying your stockings! Thank you to those parents who came in to help us sew.

This week we will take the opportunity to assess the children's work. The children will be doing a maths summary of learning and in addition we will be testing 20 of the Year 4 spellings.

In English we will be focusing on possessive apostrophes and how to answer comprehension questions using detail from the text. In maths we will be solving problems about quadrilaterals.

We have an RE focus on Christianity this week. We will be discussing gifts and how Christians see Jesus as a gift from God to the world. On Tuesday, Mr Brooks from Bourne Hall museum will be coming in to talk to the children about the history of Epsom as part of our 'What makes Britain Great' topic.

Coming up soon in speedy maths (\* indicates new learning):

w/b 4.12.17	Add and subtract pairs of 2-digit numbers at speed. Know pairs of numbers to 100.
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On Friday 8 December 4S have a muffi day thanks to Shay.

Lastly a reminder about our residential trip to High Ashurst:

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, you should have paid a deposit of £20 and made a further payment of £60 by Friday 24 November. If you have not already done this, please make the due payments by Friday 8 December. If you have not paid the deposit by this date, we will assume that you do not wish your child to take part. Unfortunately, once we have finalised the details and booked the trip we may not be able to add any more children. Please ensure you are up to date with your payments as a further payment will be due by Friday 26 January 2018.

Have a great week.

Miss Jenkins and Mrs Spooner



### Year 5 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.17

Firstly, we would like to thank all the children and parents who spared time on Sunday to help out at the Christmas Market. Thank you also to everyone that came along. You contributed to the fantastic festive atmosphere and to the amount raised by the PTA.

In English this week, we will be focussing on grammar and sentence structure. We will be using inverted commas correctly to indicate direct speech.

In maths, we will be looking at data handling and how pie charts represent information. We will focus on which questions can be answered by looking at pie charts and how to compare them, especially when the numbers represented are different. We will also carry out a further investigation using our mathematical vocabulary that focuses on properties of numbers.

In speedy maths this week, we will be covering the following areas:

<b>w.b:</b> <b>4.12.17</b>	Know all tables to 12x12 including division facts at speed. Use tables to work out related x and ÷ at speed. Add 2-digit to 3-digit numbers
<b>w.b:</b> <b>11.12.17</b>	Add and subtract pairs of 2-digit numbers at speed. Convert L to ml and vice versa Add three tens at speed. Know pairs of numbers to 90 Know pairs of hundreds to 1000. Use tables to work out related x and ÷ at speed.

For our spellings, we will focus on the next five words (average – community). The focus for our tables test will be the 2x table. Please continue to practise both spellings and tables with your child at home.

In computing, the children will be using PowerPoint to build an animation as a year group. This involves them working in pairs to create a single scene. In turn, these scenes will be combined to create the final animation before the end of term.

In our themed learning, we will continue work on our Space books. If you have any books on Space at home, please encourage your child to bring them in for their research. Also, keep your eyes on the news for any space stories. For example, last week there was a story about 'space

junk' and plans to deal with it as it orbits the earth.

As we will be watching a number of performances this week and next, we may be doing PE on different days to normal. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day.

Best wishes,

Mr Vidal and Mrs Beunderman



### **Year 6 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.17**

In English this week, we will be continuing our study of Charles Dickens's 'A Christmas Carol'. We will be using the text to write a play script considering stage directions to re-create the scene. We are also learning the spelling rule for homophones 'ce' (noun) and 'se' (verb) e.g. We are visiting the dental **practice** later today. I am going to **practise** my dance moves ready for the disco.

In maths, we will be finding the area of triangles. The children will be applying the formula and later in the week will be moving onto drawing triangles accurately.

We are looking forward to watching the rehearsals of the Y1 and Y2 Christmas performances as well as practising the songs for the KS2 Carol Service.

If your child did not come to the Christmas Market and would like to buy their felt decoration, please could they bring in £2.00 tomorrow.

Lastly, a reminder about our residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill:  
Please could you ensure you are up to date with your payments, a total of £263 should have been paid by the 3 November with a further instalment is due by 5 January 2018.

Have a lovely week.

Miss Bidwell, Mrs Peters and Mrs Jayasuriya