



16 December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 16.12.19

Upcoming Dates

- **Wednesday 18.12.19** - YR Christmas Party (please see the sticker in the Learning Journal to find out what to bring in – thank you)
- **Thursday 19.12.19** – YR PJ day and bring a cuddly toy (please remember suitable shoes please).
- **Friday 20.12.19** School finishes early for the Christmas holidays – **YR 12.45pm**

New Year

- **Monday 6.1.20** – School opens at normal time.

Have you remembered?

- Show and Tell has finished for this term.

We are beyond proud of how well the children performed on the stage last week. Thank you for attending – we know that the children loved seeing you there and they are feeling very proud of themselves.

This week will be filled with fun and festive activities such as making party accessories for our Christmas party, designing Christmas toys, wrapping presents and having a PJ day! If your child has any Christmas stories that they would like us to read to the class they are more than welcome to bring them in (named please). Of course we will do our best to get through them during the week but cannot guarantee there will be time to read them all.

Throughout the week we will recap all of the sounds we have learnt so far and will have a go at writing short, simple sentences (focusing on using finger spaces between words). So far we have learnt the tricky words: '**I, the, to, go, no, into, he, she, we and me**'. In January we will begin teaching new sounds and tricky words.

In maths we continue with our daily maths meetings and will play a range of games which involve mathematical reasoning. 'Snakes and Ladders' and 'Dobble' are a couple of our favourites.

Over the Christmas holidays you may decide to clear out some of your child's old toys to make space for their new ones. In Reception we are looking for donations of complete puzzles and of small world toys (such as a dolls house/ treehouse/ small people or animals).

Have a fantastic Christmas break, enjoy the rest and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year,

Mrs Temlett, Miss Verlander, Mrs Vidal and Mrs Ball



Messages from the Office

Internal Clubs

A reminder that internal, teacher-led clubs have now finished.

Headlice

We have had several cases of head lice in school. Please could you check your children's head thoroughly and treat any lice or eggs found.

Applications for Reception September 2020

Please be advised that the application for places in Reception for next September, closes on 15 January 2020.

Christmas Cards

Please note the postbox for the children to send cards to each other will be only available upto Wednesday as the final cards will be sorted and handed out.

Letters to Father Christmas

If your child has posted a letter to Father Christmas, replies will be coming home in book bags on Wednesday when we receive the next delivery from the North Pole.

School Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please make sure you have let the school office know. In the event of an unexplained absence, the procedures outlined in our Attendance policy will be followed.

Coming up soon:

December		
Wednesday 18.12.19	1.15pm – 3.00pm	YR – Y6 Class Christmas parties for children only – no change of clothes needed
Thursday 19.12.19	2.00pm	Y3 – Y6 Carol Service at Christ Church – Doors open for Parents/Carers at 1.50pm
Friday 20.12.19	YN: 12.40pm YR: 12.45pm Y1: 12.50pm Y2: 12.55pm Y3 - Y6: 1.00pm Sunset: 4.00pm	School closes early for the Christmas holiday Please note the end of term times, which apply when term ends for the Christmas, Easter and summer holidays only.
January		
Monday 6.1.20	8.40am	School opens for YN – Y6

How can I make my connected home more secure?

There are things you can do to help make your connected home safer for your child:

- 1. Do your research:** Research different products online and read reviews. This is a great way to find out more about a product including age restrictions and credibility, as well as hearing directly from other parents.
- 2. Read the manual:** Read the manual provided by the manufacturers. Information should be given about the privacy of the device, how it connects to the internet, and information about any app which may need to be downloaded in order to use the device.
- 3. Set up parental controls:** Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet enabled device in your home. You can find out more about how to use parental controls by visiting your broadband provider's website, or by reading our Thinkuknow article about [parental controls](#).
- 4. Use safe search:** Enable the 'SafeSearch' function on your connected device and web search engines. This will allow you to limit the material your child can see when online. It is important to understand that no parental control or 'SafeSearch' function is 100% effective. This cannot be used alone to protect your child from accessing age-inappropriate material.
- 5. Change the default password:** When you buy a connected device or toy, change the default password. Use a strong password that cannot easily be guessed and do not share this with others.
- 6. Set your Bluetooth to 'undiscoverable':** Many connected devices are Bluetooth enabled. This means they are able to connect to nearby devices without having to connect to the internet. If the device has Bluetooth, set this to 'undiscoverable' so your child doesn't share data or pair with an unknown device.
- 7. Review and/or delete audio files:** Some connected devices or toys work by listening to your child's voice commands, so these devices usually record and keep these audio files to work properly. Refer to the manual and find out how to review and/or delete audio files. If there's a microphone on your child's connected device, you can turn on the 'mute' button. This will stop the device from recording and storing audio files.
- 8. Talk to your child:** Include connected devices in your online safety conversations, reinforcing the message that if your child sees or hears anything that makes them feel worried, they can speak to you or another adult they trust. Read further information on [starting the conversation about online safety](#).
- 9. Supervise your child:** If your child is primary school aged, supervise them when they are online or using a connected device. You should keep the connected devices your child uses in communal areas of the home such as in the kitchen or living room.

For help setting up parental controls or reviewing the privacy settings of a connected device or toy, you can get advice by calling the NSPCC/O2 Helpline on 08088005002.