



Messages from the Office

Festive Reminders

- Please complete the [permissions form](#) so that we know who can be filmed for the Christmas performances.
- A link to your child's performance will be posted on the Google Classroom 'stream' for YR to Y6 on Friday. Nursery, we will send a link to you separately. Whilst we sincerely hope these events will provide a lot of precious memories, we do need all our families to work with us to ensure we keep all our children safe by:
 - Remembering the films are only for your direct family's personal use; you do not have permission to share your child's unique login details or share a copy with anyone else outside your immediate family household (including family members who do not live with you).
 - You do not have permission to take/produce screenshots and/or private recordings by any means; sharing of the broadcast must remain securely within the Google Classroom at all time.
 - School's have a duty of care to safeguard all children and, whilst it may not be an intention, exposing the whereabouts of some can inadvertently put them at significant risk of harm.

West Gate

As we approach the end of term, please can all parents / carers dropping off at the West Gate remember to wear a mask and follow the procedure to help keep everyone safe in the run up to Christmas:

- Please arrive at the correct time for your year group
- Please wait on the field before you reach the PE shed, in a socially distanced manner if you are a little early. It is muddy so you might want to wear your wellies or other suitable footwear.
- Please keep the path clear for people trying to enter / exit and keep your children with you while you are waiting.
- When your year group is called to queue, please queue in a single line on the blue footprints until Mrs Dray invites the year group in.
- You are welcome to queue with your children but please maintain a 2m distance from other families and when you get to the front of the queue, say goodbye quickly and then leave. Please do not overtake others in the queue.
- Once you have dropped your children off, please leave the school grounds promptly and do not gather in groups to chat.

Last Day of Term

Please note the finishing times below on the last day of term. Sunset will finish after the children have eaten at 3.30pm.

Parking

Please keep an eye out for cyclists as you drive and park around school. One parent was nearly hit by a car leaving a parking space last week.

Reception September 2021 and Nursery September 2021

Please don't forget to apply for a place for your child by 15 January 2021 if they are starting either Nursery or Reception in September 2021.

Dates for Diaries reminder:

Monday 14.12.20	-	Christmas lunch for YN, Y6 and Y4
Tuesday 15.12.20	-	Christmas lunch for YR and Y5
Wednesday 16.12.20	-	Christmas lunch for Y1 and Y3
Thursday 17.12.20	-	Christmas lunch for YN and Y2

Wednesday 16.12.20	Morning		Y1 – Y6 Virtual Pantomime Show – viewed in class
Wednesday 16.12.20	Morning & Afternoon		EYFS Virtual Christmas Theatre Show – viewed in class
Wednesday 16.12.20	1.15pm – 3.00pm		YN – Y6 Class Christmas parties for children only – no change of clothes needed
Friday 18.12.20	East Gate Y1 12.25pm Y6 12.30pm Y5 12.35pm YR 12.40pm Y4 12.45pm Y3 12.50pm Y2 12.55pm YN 12.30pm	West Gate Y1 12.30pm Y6 12.35pm Y5 12.40pm YR 12.45pm Y4 12.50pm Y3 12.55pm Y2 1.00pm YN 12.35pm	School closes early for the Christmas holiday – The kitchen will be providing a packed lunch for children having a school dinner. Please note the end of term times, which apply when term ends for the Christmas, Easter and summer holidays only.
January			
Monday 4.1.21	School opens at the normal year group times		School opens for YN - Y6



Year 1 Weekly Information w/b 14.12.20

A big thank you for all your support over the past weeks as we have been enjoying this unique Christmas season. We look forward to sharing our Nativity with you – filming takes place on Tuesday. Thank you for providing the costumes! We are also looking forward to a very fun day on Wednesday when we will be having our Christmas lunch, watching the virtual pantomime and enjoying our party 'tea'. We are sure to find time for some games in our outside space too!

We also want to say a huge thank you to the PTA for arranging our Winter Wonderland last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the special experience in that excited way that only young children do. It was a pleasure to share it with them.

This week in class we are taking the opportunity to apply and practise lots of the skills that we have learnt so far in Year 1. We will be using our phonic skills to solve 'The Mystery of the Hungry Elf'; using our best writing skills to write a very important letter; playing games that need our calculation and counting skills; using fine motor control to make some lovely Christmas Craft and enjoying lots of seasonal stories.

We are inviting children to take part in our Year 1 Christmas Reading Challenge over the holiday. Each child will bring home a sheet to record the books they have enjoyed each day over the holidays. This includes not only reading to an adult, but also being read to by an adult or older sibling. Children who have enjoyed a book for some time on every day of the holidays will receive a special certificate.

As it is the final week of term we will have our half-termly spelling test. You will be able to see how your child gets on as they complete the test on the relevant page in their Learning Journal.

Just a few little general reminders for now and next term:

- If your child's hair is shoulder-length or longer it should be fully tied back at school – this doesn't include half-up, half-down styles.
- All water bottles should have a sports cap to prevent spillages please. If you're not sure whether your child's bottle is suitable think about what would happen if it were knocked over whilst open. If the water would flow freely out, it isn't an appropriate style for school.
- When choosing hats/gloves/shoes/coats for school please consider whether your child can put them on and take them off without help. Our school Covid-19 measures mean that adults aren't able to help in a way that would bring them into close contact.
- If your child has their ears pierced, only plain stud earring are allowed at school.

You can see full details of the school uniform list [here](#).

Finally we would like to wish all the children and their families a happy, peaceful and, most of all, healthy Christmas. We are so impressed by the enthusiasm for learning and determination to show our school values that we have seen in Year 1 this term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, rested and raring to go in January.

Ms Beadle, Miss Rose, Mrs McClelland and Mrs Vidal



Year 2 Weekly Information w/b 14.12.20

We can't believe we have reached the end of the autumn term. The children have coped remarkably well with all the changes and challenges that have come their way. We hope they all enjoy a well-deserved rest over the holiday period and come back to school on 4 January raring to go!

We have been made aware that some of you are having trouble accessing Times Tables Rockstars via Wonde due to technical issues which seem to be mainly affecting certain iPads. For this reason, we have put stickers containing the children's manual log ins for TTRS on the inside front cover of their Learning Journals so those struggling to access it, can download the app and log in that way.

In English this week, will be writing instructions following on from our theme learning making our own thaumotropes. We will recap the features of a good set of instructions and then apply them when writing our instructions. We will also be focusing on a range of homophones including 'hear' and 'here' and 'sea' and 'see'.

In maths, we will be comparing money amounts and finding totals. During the week, we will be re-capping on the addition strategies learned earlier this term in preparation for finding totals with money.

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

w/b 14.12.20	*Add tens to 2-digit numbers Know 2x and 10x tables at speed Add 1-digits to 2-digits at speed Know number bonds to 20 at speed Add 1 to any 2-digit number Know 10 less than a 2-digit number
w/b 4.1.21	*Know 5x table at speed Know 2 x table at speed Know pairs of 10s to 100 Know 10 x table at speed Know number facts to 20 at speed Know doubles of units at speed

Reminders:

1. Please complete the parent comment sticker inside your child's Golden Book then return to school **before this Friday**.
2. Finishing times on Friday are 12.55pm (East Gate) and 1.00pm (West Gate).

2P have filled their reward jar with pasta so they have earned their first class treat! They have voted to have a pyjama/onesie day and this will take place on **Thursday 17 December**. On this day they should come to school in pyjamas/onesie but please ensure they have suitable footwear for playing outdoors at break and lunchtime.

2F have also filled their reward jar with marbles. They have voted to have a muffin day and this will take place on **Thursday 17 December**. They will come to school wearing their own clothes and suitable footwear for playing outdoors at break and lunchtime.

2G also have their PJ/Onesie day as their class treat on **Thursday 17 December**.

On Tuesday, 2F's filming slot is at 2.45pm. So that we get out on time at the end of the day, the children will go home in their costumes.

Thank you for all your support this term. We hope you all have a lovely holiday with your families.

Mrs Glaister, Mrs Fahey and Miss Poole



Year 3 Weekly Information w/b 14.12.20

In English, we are finishing the term with a focus on Christmas poetry. The children will be reading and performing a selection of festive acrostic poems, haikus, rhyming poems and free verse. We will also be writing our own Christmas poems.

In maths this week, the children will be trying to solve some challenges using lots of the skills we have practised this term. This will include problem solving work where a systematic approach will be useful and using addition to create and solve a code.

Coming up soon in speedy maths:

w/b 14.12.20	Subtract 1-digit from 3-digit numbers, Know 3x and 6x tables at speed. Add two tens at speed.
w/b 4.1.21	Know 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 10x tables at speed Add and subtract two tens at speed. Know 10 more and 10 less than 3-digit numbers.

Our 'In the Studio' project comes to an end this week. We are very grateful to Esme's (3HS) dad for hosting an interactive zoom photography session with us this week that will help us understand how to take a 'good' photograph. In PSHER, we are reflecting on gifts and the fact that a gift does not have to cost anything.

We have lots of seasonal activities taking place this week. On Wednesday afternoon it is the children's Christmas party – thank you very much for the food and drink contributions.

A big thank you for all your support this term. The year is flying past - we're a third of the way through the year already! Best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable break and a happy and prosperous 2021.

Miss Abela, Miss Croucher, Mrs Smith and Mrs Spooner



Year 4 Weekly Information w/b 14.12.20

In English, we are planning and writing a Christmas story based around Santa's worst day. We will be applying everything we have learnt so far in Year 4 including: a range of descriptive devices, conjunctions to extend sentences and using inverted commas. The children will also be completing their half termly spelling quiz in the back of their Learning Journal. Please support your child to learn any they still need to work on.

In maths this week, we be investigating the properties of shapes and using mathematical language to devise our own Santa challenges. We will also be working methodically to find as many different possibilities to a problem as we can.

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

w.b 14.12.20	Know pairs of numbers to 90	Know 7x, 8x, 9x, 11x tables at speed. Know 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 10x tables and related division facts at speed. Know number bonds to 20 and related facts at speed.
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During the rest of the week, we will be getting into the festive spirit with a range of activities and enjoying our Christmas party on Wednesday.

Please encourage your child to take part in the year group battle. This will not only help them learn their tables, but it will help them feel united and part of a team.

Monday	4B vs 4J	4.30pm – 5.00pm
	4V vs 4W	4.30pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday	4B vs 4V	4.30pm – 5.00pm
	4J vs 4W	4.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday	4B vs 4W	4.30pm – 5.00pm
	4J vs 4V	4.30pm – 5.00pm

4B and 4J have earned a mufti day on **Friday 18 December** as part of a class reward system.

Have a lovely week.

Miss Bidwell, Miss Jenkins, Mr Vidal and Ms Webb



Year 5 Weekly Information w/b 14.12.20

In English this week, we will be continuing to write and illustrate the picture books we planned last week. We will then spend some time sharing them with each other. Then we will complete a book review about a book that they have enjoyed. We will also be practising our reading skills by continuing with our class book *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. We will also be practising our deduction skills by trying to solve the mystery of 'Who stole the Christmas Presents'

This week in maths, we will be completing an investigation to solve the mystery of the missing mince pies! This will involve a range of maths strategies to return the mince pies that Mrs Claus has made for the elves! We hope that we can find them!

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

w.b: 14.12.20	Know how to convert m to km and vice versa; Know pairs of numbers to 100; Use tables to work out related x and ÷ at speed.
w.b: 4.1.20	Know pairs of numbers to 100; Use tables to work out related x and ÷ at speed.

We will also be enjoying a virtual pantomime this week, having Christmas lunch and completing a quiz!

Please ensure that PE bags are returned on the first day back after the Christmas holidays.

We hope you have enjoyed looking at the Golden Books – don't forget to fill in the sticker with a positive comment and return to school by Friday – thank you.

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs Beunderman, Mrs Jayasuriya and Mrs Williams



Year 6 Weekly Information w/b 14.12.20

In English this week, we are continuing with studying 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. We will be continuing to analyse the language in the story and will be thinking about the different characters. At the end of the week we will be contrasting Dickens' version of the story with 'The Muppet Christmas Carol'. We will also be continuing to read our class text, 'The Explorer'.

In maths, the children are working on some Christmas-themed puzzles this week. They will need to work systematically to find all the solutions and apply a wide-range of maths skills to solve the problems.

Coming up soon in speedy maths:

w/b: 14.12.20	Add and subtract pairs of 2-digit numbers at speed. Convert m to km and vice versa. Know all tables to 12x12 including division facts at speed. Know common equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. Use tables to work out related \times and \div at speed.
w/b: 4.1.20	Know pairs of numbers to 90. Know common equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. Convert cm to m and vice versa. Convert L to ml and vice versa. Know number bonds to 1000 (tens).

In the wider curriculum, we are creating Christmas cards to take home. We will be continuing to look at the nativity story in R.E, where we will be discussing the imagery used and creating our own artworks based on some good examples. We are watching Holes and A Christmas Carol, tying in with the reading of our class book and the work we have been doing in English.

We have a few Christmas activities this week: On Monday we are having Christmas lunch and, on Wednesday, we have a pantomime and our class parties to look forward to.

Thank you for all your support throughout the autumn term. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and enjoyable end to the year and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for the Spring term in January.

Merry Christmas,

Mr Deane-Armstrong, Mr Loughlin and Miss Swann