



Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to see so many of you at our Christmas shows over the past couple of weeks. Don't the children do a wonderful job of bringing the Christmas message back into our hearts? It has been another busy and productive term and the children have worked incredibly hard. Not long to go now before we can all enjoy some time with our families and have a wonderful Christmas time. For me, Christmas always gets started at school and thanks to the joy and high spirits of our pupils, I am feeling very festive and happy. I wish you all a lovely, merry Christmas. See you in January!



### EYFS

These last two full weeks of term have flown by in a whirlwind of glitter, sparkle, Nativity and excitement! The festive spirit started with our Nativity performance, in which we were so very proud of every single child for their confidence, attitude, effort and enthusiasm. We were delighted that so many of you could come and hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Since then Christmas has hit the classes with creativity in abundance. The classrooms have had a unique feel to them with handmade decorations strewn everywhere! The children have thoroughly enjoyed being free to come up with their own ideas and designs. They have also been printing wrapping paper, wrapping presents, making cards and writing lists to Santa. After Christmas the first week's topic will be The Jolly Postman and birthdays. We hope you have a super Christmas and that the children have a well-earned break. Please look out for emails from the class reps about new arrangements for morning drop-off after Christmas. Thank you for all your much-appreciated support this term.



## KS1

We couldn't have been prouder of our Key Stage One children last week with their wonderful efforts in the Christmas performance. We were pleased with their confident acting and singing in front of an audience and felt all their hard work paid off.

Thank you for your support with the super costumes. Year one pupils have been busy with Christmas art and craft, story telling, letters to Father Christmas and Christmas poetry. They have learned to add and subtract using a number line and will use these skills to solve Christmas maths problems next week. Year two classes have been discussing the meaning of Christmas, writing about Christmas traditions and learning about angels. In maths we have started a new topic of multiplication, which will continue in January. Our spelling focus has been dictation, and we have been encouraging the children to achieve perfection by earning a sticker from Mr Beckerson for 100% accuracy. If you are stuck for Christmas present ideas, a thesaurus and a pack of cards will be very useful to support the children's learning next term! We are looking forward to our new Key Stage One topic of 'World of Books' beginning in the new year. Have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in January.



## LKS2

In maths, year 3 have been revising three digit column addition and also tricky subtractions using the number line method to secure the children's understanding of these methods of calculation. In English, they have read the lovely story 'Dear Father Christmas' and the children have enjoyed reading all of the letters from Holly and Father Christmas. They are now writing their own letters to Father Christmas using the key features and this week 'Father Christmas' will be writing back! We will send home a copy of their letter in case you are wondering what they might be asking for. Year 4 have compiled interesting reports about Christmas and written informative letters to the Saffron School in India to tell the children there all about how and why we celebrate Christmas in the UK. In maths, they have been tackling multiplication and division word problems, including scaling and correspondence problems. On Monday this week, the children had their first opportunity to meet the young, enthusiastic staff from CYE, ahead of their visit in the summer, when they came in to perform their Christmas play to the school, which both entertained them all whilst conveying the real message of the Christmas story – the wonder of the birth of Jesus. Both year groups have worked really hard on their songs and actions for the KS2 play and we hope you enjoyed watching their fabulous performance of 'Superstar' in the Haslemere Hall on Wednesday. Year 3 have also been learning to play glockenspiels in their music lessons.



## UKS2

Years 5 and 6 have been getting into the festive spirit over Advent. This was evident in their fantastic performance at Haslemere Hall on Wednesday. They certainly brought the house down with their amazing acting and singing. In English Year 5 have had debates on war and time-travel and Italy class has made a board game based on the entire terms learning. Year 6 have tied in Christmas with our recent work done on the wars by learning and writing about the Christmas truce of December 1914. Our Narnia influenced sleighs are also approaching completion and they are both varied and imaginative in equal measure. We are hoping for a little more cold weather so that we can actually race them! Year 6 have also written their own poems based on Clement C Moore's famous story 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and read these to the Reception children. Otherwise we have continued to be working hard in both years 5 and 6 – ensuring that we are learning and making sure we stay on the nice list.



## COOKERY

Year 5 Cookery Club have been preparing for Christmas with cranberry sauce bubbling and a main course fish gift to serve. Early Years have all enjoyed mixing, stirring, baking and decorating Christmas Biscuits in their first DT Food & Nutrition lesson



## MUSIC AT ST BARTS!

We have been pleased and proud to be invited to perform Christmas music in several community events this half term. Our annual carol singing (this year at the Herons) was a wonderful event which raised £50 for the music department. The choir has been visiting elderly members of The Hunter's Centre, The Orchard Club and Wispers Care Home to perform Christmas carols. The choir performed Christmas songs at both the St Bartholomew's Church Christmas Fair and the school Christmas Fair. The orchestra played four Christmas tunes in front of the school at a special music assembly. The Christmas Cracker club members will be performing several songs at the Christmas Cracker event on Saturday evening at the Haslemere Hall.

## **CHRISTMAS CARD POST BOX**

There is a post box for the children to use in the main reception area of school. The box will be emptied for the final time on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – please ensure the childrens full name and class are on the envelopes to ensure a safe delivery!

## **OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS**

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL OUTSTANDING LUNCH AND TRIP PAYMENTS ARE MADE BEFORE THE END OF TERM. MANY THANKS**

## **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

**School lunches now cost £2.25 per day, or £11.25 per week.** If you require a lunch for your child, please advise the school office by 9.30am on the day. School lunches should be paid for using the online system, or by cheque (payable to Surrey County Council) or cash. **Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.** (Pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 qualify for a universal free school meal and therefore payment is not required).

**First half term - £ 74.25**

**Second half term - £ 87.75**

**Total for Autumn term - £162.00**

The menus for the next two weeks are attached for you to look at with your child, along with the notes for how to order choices. If you wish to order a vegetarian meal or take the option of a jacket potato, please log into your SCOPay account and make your choice. **Please note jacket potatoes are not available on Wednesdays.** If you have not chosen one of the options, your child will receive the main option meal. Should you require a reminder of your SCOPay login, please contact the office. A reminder that if your child is having a “one-off” meal, you should inform the school office by 9.30am in order for the correct numbers to be sent to the kitchen.

Yours faithfully,

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