

# QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> November - 20<sup>th</sup> December

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## Goodbyes

This week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Gilbert. The children in Hamilton class performed a wonderful leaving assembly for her, involving acting, singing and telling jokes. Mrs Gilbert has been at Queen's Crescent for 9 years and has been an incredible asset to the school and will be greatly missed. We all wish her well in her new career working at the local authority. Mrs Gilbert kindly gifted the school with a new PA system with working microphones.

## Mrs Matthews

As this is my final newsletter I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you and Goodbye'. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Queen's Crescent School. Having been here for over 15 years, I have had the pleasure of teaching hundreds of children, meeting lovely families and working with the most dedicated colleagues. I am proud to have been part of such an amazing team and I will miss everyone terribly. I promise that I will keep in touch from Hong Kong and you never know when I might 'pop up' and surprise the children! I hope you all have a very 'Happy Christmas' and wish you all the best for 2020.

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## Staff Changes

Congratulations to Mrs Corr who has been appointed as Interim Deputy Head as of January 2020. Mrs Corr will be supporting Mr Essam until April when Mr Tom Mullins will start as the full time Deputy Head. Mr Mullins is currently working as a Deputy Head in a school near Bristol. I know that you will support Mrs Corr in her new role.



## Year 3/4 Carol Service

Y3/4 thoroughly enjoyed performing their joyful Christmas Carol Service this year. There were amazing musical performances from Year 3, beautiful poems from Year 4 and some incredible singing by the Choir. All of the children sang with enthusiasm throughout - we were really proud of them! A particular highlight was the performance of 'T'was the Night Before Christmas' which all of the children had learned off by heart with actions. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to walk with us to and from the church, as well as everyone who came to watch the children and supported us by buying a decorated biscuit on the way out. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed performing it.



## Y5/6 Carol Service

What a wonderful turnout to our Y5/6 carol concert. The children showcased their work brilliantly, which showed throughout. There was beautiful singing, jingle "belling" and dancing. Thank you for your continued support it means so much to us all.



## Christmas Nativities

What talented children we have at Queen's Crescent! FS2 and KS1 children took part in their own nativity performances again this year. Both performances were excellent and demonstrated just how confident all our children are, in terms of singing, dancing and acting. I am so proud of all of them.

Thank you for all your kind donations, it was much appreciated. FS2 raised **£70** and KS1 raised **£154** to purchase equipment for their classes.

## Dinner Choices

Dinner choices for the children are now available to book online for both Term 3 and Term 4. Please could you make sure that you have done this before Friday 3 January 2020.

We are still having children not appear on the list for their dinners, please can you order all meals online regardless of whether these are free or need to be paid for. This ensures that children get given their correct coloured band for their food choice at lunchtime. The deadline for ordering lunches in advance is 1 week before and as of January we will be closing the registers on this day. If you have **NOT** booked your child a hot school dinner we will expect that you will send your child in with a packed lunch. There will be some flexibility for the month of January to help settle into this new routine.

If you are still having problems accessing the online system, please do let the school office know.



## Christmas Fayre

We had a very successful Christmas Fayre on Friday 13 December, organised by the Friends of Queen's Crescent. There was a great turnout and the tombola was extremely popular as usual. Santa was also very busy and delighted lots of children with exciting presents. Thank you to all of the Friends of Queen's Crescent for organising such a successful event. So far approx. **£2,535** has been raised from the Christmas disco, the Fayre and the Shopping Event.



## Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day

It was a really festive day all round and was so lovely to see all the wonderful Christmas jumpers that the children were wearing yesterday for Christmas dinner. Thank you to our incredible team in the kitchen for an extremely successful and delicious lunch.



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### Thank You

A huge thank you to the FOQC team for donating water Boxes for the Y1's and for all their fundraising efforts.

A huge thank you to everyone who made donations to the reverse advent calendar. It was a huge success and all the items were taken to The Rise Children's centre in Chippenham, where they will stock the local food banks and help local families and people in need. The quantity and quality of items provided was amazing, and so many people in the community will benefit from your generosity.



### Sing Start

Just a reminder that we will be holding our Festive Sing Start in the hall at 8.30am tomorrow. Please come along and join in the Carol singing with your child.



### Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for being consistently well behaved and were invited to spend an afternoon with Mrs Matthews and some Hot Chocolate:-

**Sebastian S, Freya K, Lucy A, Tyler R, Iyla L, Eva H, Ruby R, Harry R, Stanley A, Noah P, Nyela S, Arianna C and Ethan B**



### Golden Book

The following children have been entered into the Golden Book as they have been spotted around the school demonstrating excellent behaviour and manners:

**Cameron B, Amy M, Emily C, Maia C, Grace H, Lily W, Jacob T, Caleb S, Ava G, Harry G, Grace H, Isaac L, Charlie H, Riley A, Jacob S and all Lunch time Buddies.**

Congratulations to all these children.

Mrs W Matthews  
Head of School



## DATES FOR DIARY - TERM 2

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term

## DATES FOR DIARY - TERM 3

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - TD Day - No Children in School  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - First day of Term 3 - All in school  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Y5 DT Cookery Session - Sheldon School Group 3  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January - FS2 Cake Sale  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Y5 DT Cookery Session - Sheldon School Group 4  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Y5 Level 2 Hockey Festival - More information to follow  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Whole School Maths & Science Day - More info. to follow  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Non Uniform Day - Teddy Bears Picnic - More info. to follow  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Dance Festival - Abbeyfield School  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Y5 Cake Sale  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Last Day of Term 3

### **Celebrating out of School Achievements Congratulations to:**

**Louis E-** For earning his 5 metres swimming badge  
**Christos K-** For taking part in the Santa scamper run and Christmas Football Party  
**Cameron C-** For coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in his trampoline competition and his Christmas party medal  
**Lyra S-** For performing at Shaftesbury Theatre with Stagecoach for a charity gala  
**Anais H-** For earning her 9<sup>th</sup> KUP in kickboxing and 7<sup>th</sup> KUP in Tae Kwon Do  
**Chloe C-** For coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Gymnastics and trampoline competition  
**Ted F-** For earning his Beavers Investiture badges and certificate  
**Eva M-** For performing "We 3 Kings" & "Pop Song" at her piano recital  
**Katie & Joshua T-** For passing their Grade 3 Piano exam  
**Evie F-** For passing Level 4 in Swimming  
**Harley R-** For being awarded players player  
**Anderson P-** For passing his level 2 in swimming  
**Amelia G-** For her excellent Maths work at home  
**Mia H-** For her beautiful handwriting  
**Yazmina M-B-** For passing her Level 8 in Gymnastics  
**Evan W-** For taking part in a swimming competition and winning 12 gold medals and 1 bronze  
**Grace L-** For earning a Bronze medal in her gymnastics competition and passing Level 8  
**Iyla L-** For placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall in her gymnastics competition  
**Katie T-** For passing her Level 1 in Gymnastics  
**Martha S-** For earning her white belt in kickboxing  
**Olivia G-** For passing her Level 2 in Gymnastics  
**Max L-** For earning lots of Badger badges and placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Gymnastics competition  
**Maisy-Rose F-** For placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her gymnastics competition and also winning best decorated competitor number award.  
**Tilly S & Brooke C-** For taking part in a Christmas Gymnastics Competition  
**Annabelle O & Olivia C-** For earning their slime making expert certificates  
**Evie F-** For placing 4<sup>th</sup> in her gymnastics Christmas competition  
**Mylah B-** For winning her gymnastics Christmas competition





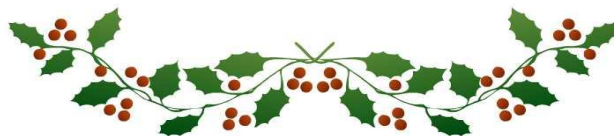
**Eloise W-P-** For placing 5<sup>th</sup> in her gymnastics competition

**Ivy K-** For coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in her gymnastics competition

**Freya S-** For passing her Level 1 in Gymnastics

**Preeya K-** For completing her Level 1 in swimming

**Ruby P-** For passing her Level 2 in Swimming



## **Pickwick Academy Trust News**

As you may know, Pickwick Academy Trust is made up of five primary schools in Wiltshire: Aloveric Primary School, Corsham Primary School, Ivy Lane Primary School, Ludwell Primary School and Queen's Crescent Primary School. Four of the schools came together to form our Multi-Academy Trust in August 2017 because they recognised the huge value of working together to drive school improvement and education innovation. We were delighted to welcome Ludwell Primary into the family on 1 November 2019.

The Trust educates over 1850 pupils, across six sites (Corsham is one school, but has two sites) and employs over 260 people. It also operates Pickwick Learning Teaching School Alliance which is a Department for Education designated group of schools, leaders and partners committed to providing support and sharing best practice in education. It uses the collective expertise from over 70 schools in Wiltshire and other local authorities to support the development of new and existing teachers and school leaders, to provide the best possible education and experiences for children across all our schools.

### **Pickwick Academy Trust - Our Vision**

Our vision is to work together to provide the **best schools and outcomes** for our children.

### **Pickwick Academy Trust - Our Strategy**

- **Harness our collective expertise** to drive school improvement and realise the best for all children and adults working and learning in our schools
- **Celebrate and communicate the successes** in our schools to encourage aspiration and innovation
- **Provide support and challenge** for each school so that every child meets their full potential

### **Pickwick Academy Trust - Our Mission**

- **Team:** We work together so that each school is supported and held to account for the attainment and progress of every child to enable them to meet their full potential and to ensure the highest quality teaching and leadership for our children.
- **Approach:** We provide robust support and challenge for each school on its individual journey of improvement, seeking common-sense solutions from within and outside our Trust.
- **Celebrate:** We celebrate the successes and unique characteristics of each school, encouraging aspiration and innovation for all, providing systems that support opportunities for those working and learning in our schools.
- **Together:** We share responsibility and harness our collective expertise to drive school improvement and achieve the best possible outcomes for all by sharing ideas and best practice to ensure all schools within our Trust are successful.
- **Future:** We are committed to sustainable growth, to provide the best outcomes for the communities we serve now and in the future by aligning central services and succession planning to ensure investment remains in quality teaching, learning and leadership.



## **Pickwick Academy Trust - Our values**

Our vision, strategy and mission is underpinned by our moral purpose to provide the best education and curriculum for the children we serve, and is based on the values of: aspiration; collaboration; inclusion; enjoyment and nurturing relationships, with the intention of empowering children to become life-long learners. We provide a strong ethical framework that enables children to make thoughtful, positive choices, and are committed to providing a high quality and educationally stimulating learning environment, led by exceptional staff.

If you would like to find out more about the Trust or would like to get in contact with us please visit our website: [www.pickwickacademytrust.co.uk](http://www.pickwickacademytrust.co.uk) or email us: [admin@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk) - we look forward to hearing from you.

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Vision: *"to work together to provide the best schools and outcomes for our children"*

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