

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

AMAZING ATTENDANCE NEWS: WE CURRENTLY HAVE OUR HIGHEST ATTENDANCE AT 96.7%!! THIS IS FANTASTIC AND WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S COMMITMENT TO LEARNING AND EDUCATION.

Some events coming up for you to attend:

1. Years 5 and 6: International Human Rights Day Assembly: December 7th 9.15am
2. Foundation Stage Nativity: December 12th 9am
3. Foundation Stage Nativity: December 13th 2pm
4. Christmas Fair: December 19th 2.30pm
5. Multi Faith Christmas Collective Worship for Years 1-3: December 20th 9.15am
6. Multi Faith Christmas Collective Worship for Years 4-6: December 21st 9.15am

Some events for the children:

1. Christmas Lunch Day: December 20th 2017
2. Christmas Jumper Day: December 20th 2017
3. Christmas/End of Term Party: December 22nd 2017
Children to wear own clothes/party clothes for school that day (*Remember its winter and sensible shoes for playtime!*) We will provide a drink, some crisps and a cake- other food donations welcome.

... AND watch out for a special gift at the end of term!

CELEBRATING TOGETHER

At Pye Bank we always celebrate major festivals together. Just like when we all celebrated Eid , we will be celebrating Christmas either as a Christian or by helping our friends to celebrate. We also look at the cultural side of Christmas (you'll spot the decorations) and then discuss what Christmas means to Christians. We make links to what Muslims believe about this time. Christmas is an important time in a Church School but we do of course work sensitively with our children; being fully respectful of the beliefs of our Muslim families. Hopefully our work with all our children will help them to make sense of the traditions of Christmas which they see all around them at this time of year.



We hope you can join us for our multi-faith Collective Worships.

Our faith, diversity and tolerance continue to make us special as a community and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

ZABEDA IS ORGANISING A CHRISTMAS FAIR FOR THE LAST WEEK AND WILL SEND YOU SOME EXTRA INFORMATION. PLEASE CONTACT HER THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP.

WE HOPE YOU CAN COME ALONG ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 19TH FROM 2.30PM ONWARDS.

Times Table Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars has landed at Pye Bank. This is a great website and App that supports children in the learning of their times tables.

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help children master the times tables!



To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12 a 12 in less than 3 seconds.

It's essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice as often as they can. Short bursts of daily practice are more effective than once a week. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice, they need your help.

The website address is **ttrockstars.com** and every child from Year 1 to Year 6 have their own username and password which they use to log onto Times Table Rock Stars.

If you are unable to access the internet at home there is a Times Tables Rock Stars club every Wednesday after school until 4pm where parents and children can come and log on to practise their tables (all children MUST be accompanied by an adult).

There will also be competitions in school throughout the year where pupils will be dressing up as rock stars and going head to head in multiplication challenges- more information to follow.

Milk Money

Just a reminder that milk money will be due in January. The price is £9.72 and this will pay for milk right up until the Easter holidays. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals they will automatically receive free milk. If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals – come into the office and pick up a form.

