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Nurture Inspire Flourish
This month's value; Peace

Dear All,

At the start of this week, dinner arrears totalled in excess of £900 across the Academy. Please could you make payments as soon as possible in order to reduce arrears. Luton Borough Council provides our school meals and we would ask for them to be paid for in advance.

Both schools received a visit from the Education Welfare Officer yesterday, who carried out attendance checks for the academic year so far. The focus was on children whose attendance at school has already fallen below 95%. Where concerns were raised, we will be contacting parents individually and monitoring attendance over the coming weeks.

A reminder that even if your child is attending the Nursery at Greenfield or Pulloxhill School, you will need to apply for a school place via Central Bedfordshire Council for September 2019 start.

Amended half term date, February 2020 - Central Bedfordshire Council have amended the February 2020 half term dates to align with Bedford Borough Council term dates. The new dates for February Half Term are **Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020** instead of Monday 10th February to Friday 14h February 2020 which was previously published. Please visit the school website, www.greenfieldpulloxhillschools.org.uk for 2019/2020 academic calendar.

Finally, there will not be a fortnightly newsletter on 7 December instead there will be a final newsletter of 2018 in the last week of term.

Annette McCullion
Headteacher

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to Children in Need last Friday. Across the Academy we managed to raise just over £260, a fantastic amount.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

This year we are going to continue to support the Preen Food Bank by creating a reverse advent calendar. This is where instead of receiving we're giving! There are local families who will appreciate your donations, especially at Christmas.

We have 12 days of giving to complete our reverse advent calendar tree, one for each day we are in school in December. We are going to start on Monday 3rd December.

Listed below are our advent days and suggestions for donations, there is a mixture of basics and treats. We would ask you to donate an item for one of the days, we're not expecting everyone to bring something each day, but if you'd like to donate more then please feel free!

Our 12 days of Christmas giving are:

- 3rd Toiletries - for Christmas pampering - shower gel/shampoo/bubble bath
- 4th Basics - rice/pasta/tinned meat, fish and vegetables
- 5th Jam/marmalade/redcurrant jelly/cranberry sauce
- 6th Tinned fruit/custard/rice
- 7th Sauces - curry/sweet & sour/tomato - help use up those leftovers!
- 10th Tea/coffee/hot chocolate/UHT milk/fruit juice
- 11th Christmas pudding/Christmas cake/mince pies
- 12th Savoury snacks - crisps/pretzels/twiglets
- 13th Christmas socks - children/adult
- 14th Sweets/chocolates/cakes/selection boxes/chocolate coins - for a special treat!
- 17th Christmas paper/sellotape
- 18th Stocking fillers for children/crackers

BAD WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

In the event of poor weather conditions resulting in the closure of the school, the following will apply:

- Poor weather preventing children/staff from getting to school - we will post information on our website and text parents
- Poor weather resulting in the closure of the school during the school day - all parents will be contacted and children will stay with staff until they can be collected

We will try to keep you informed, but as you can appreciate the decision to close the school needs to be made early enough to prevent unnecessary journeys, as our priority is the safety and well-being of your children and the staff.

FOPS

The tea towels have arrived at school and will be sent home shortly. Thank you to everyone who ordered.

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 30 November at Pulloxhill School, in return for a donation of chocolate.

Reminder that the FOPS Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 14 December, 3.30pm. We still need helpers to assist on stalls. Everyone welcome to attend and join us for an afternoon of festive fun and games. Stalls, refreshments, face painting, raffle and a visit from the big man in red. If any parents have any preloved uniform they would like to donate please feel free to bring in as there will be a stall at the Christmas Fair. As per previous years, FOPS will have hamper lists out in the playground for parents to pop their names down next to items they will purchase, which will form hampers for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be coming home in book bags shortly.

FOPS are looking for 9 adult helpers (children must be in Year 4 or older for safety reasons) to assist the Round table Santa collection. Please see a member of FOPS if you are able to help.

ATTENDANCE

A reminder that when your child is absent, please contact the school by 9.30am at the latest, on each day of the absence. Where possible please could medical, dental and optician appointments be made out of school hours. Thank you for your continued support.

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Week ending 16 November 96%

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VACANCIES

Arnold Academy have 2 vacancies for Teaching Assistants. For further details see the school website; www.arnoldacademy.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

30 November	Pulloxhill School non uniform day in return for chocolate for FOPS Christmas Fayre
10 December	Christmas Performances 2.00pm Kestrels & Kites (Pulloxhill Yr 3 & 4) 6.00pm Penguins, Swifts & Skylarks (Pulloxhill Yr R, 1 & 2)
11 December	Christmas Performances 2.00pm Robins, Wrens & Owls (Greenfield Yr R, 1 & 2) 7.00pm Kestrels & Kites (Pulloxhill Yr 3 & 4)
12 December	Christmas Performances 9.30am Penguins, Swifts & Skylarks (Pulloxhill Yr R, 1 & 2) 2.00pm Robins, Wrens & Owls (Greenfield Yr R, 1 & 2) 7.00pm Herons & Eagles (Greenfield Yr 3 & 4)
13 December	Christmas Performances 2.00pm Herons & Eagles (Greenfield Yr 3 & 4) 6.00pm Robins, Wrens & Owls (Greenfield Yr R, 1 & 2)
14 December	Ducklings Festive Stay and Play 10.00-11.00am & 2.00-3.00pm
14 December, 3.30pm	FOPS Christmas Fair at Pulloxhill School
19 December, 3.30pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays
<i>2019</i>	
2 January	Staff Training Day - School Closed
3 January	Children return to school
6-8 February	Pulloxhill Year 3 to Stibbington
8 February, 3.30pm	Break up for half term
18 February	Children return to school
20-22 March	Greenfield Year 3 to Stibbington
26-28 March	Year 4 to Germany
30 March	GSA/FOPS Ball
5 April, 3.30pm	Break up for Easter holiday
23 April	Children return to school
6 May	Bank holiday Monday
11 May	Pulloxhill School May Fayre
24 May, 3.30pm	Break up for half term
3 June	Children return to school
10-14 June	Year 4 to the Isle of Wight
19 July, 3.30pm	Break up for summer holiday