



## Head Talk

Christmas is beginning to get very close indeed. There are only 25 days left!! Please do come along to the Christmas Market tomorrow. There will be the opportunity to snap up some Christmas bargains and time to enjoy the market with friends and family. The PSA do a fabulous job in ensuring you raise money for the school, whilst having a great deal of fun. My thanks go out to the organising team in advance. They do a super job and I am very grateful for their time and effort.

This week has also seen Year 3 visit the Buddhist Centre to learn about Buddhism and to compare it to the schools Core Values. Next week Year 5 will be having an art session with First Site and Early Years will be running their bauble workshop. Don't forget that we have the Infant Nativity taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of December with the Junior Carol Service taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December. All of them will be taking place at Christ Church. The Infant Nativity information has gone out to parents already and the Junior Carol Service information will be out shortly.

Have a very enjoyable couple of weeks.

## Non-Pupil Days 2019-20

The Governors have agreed the Non-Pupil Days for the 2019/20 academic year. They are:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

## Parking outside of school

Please can I ask that parents do not park on the zig zag lines or in the loading bay. This week the school received its food delivery at 8.55am. This caused chaos in Constantine Road as the lorry

couldn't access the loading bay, and therefore it blocked the road.

## Christmas Market

We are thrilled to announce that the Christmas Market will be back for its second year! Please come along and join us on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 4.00-6.30pm** welcome.

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who wore non-uniform and contributed towards Children in Need. An amazing £515.24 was raised.

## Year 4 Play – Change of Date

The date for the Year 4 play to parents will now take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm. The gates will be open at 1.35pm for parents and shut promptly at 1.55pm with no admittance after that time.

## Christmas Songs performed by Foundation

We would like the Foundation children to wear Christmas jumpers when they perform to parents on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Rainbows at 2.30pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Sunshine at 2.30pm.

## School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

The school Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please see the attached menu. If you haven't already booked your child in for lunch on this day, please let the office know ASAP. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing school uniform with a Christmas jumper on this day.

## The Remembrance Service

Did you spot us on BBC Look East and in the Gazette? We are so proud of everyone for taking part in the Remembrance Service on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, and for all involved in the build-up.



Felix Friedlein did a superb job playing the Last Post, as did Kitty Atkin reading her poem. Well done 4FN for singing accapella, you started the service beautifully. The children enjoyed talking to all our visitors and sharing their work with them, so thank you for coming and making our morning one to remember. And finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Marsh for all her hard work getting the poppy wall ready!

### Enrichment Afternoons

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October a group of our Year 5 and 6 children were joined by pupils from Prettygate Junior School for a Spanish taster session. It was an enjoyable afternoon which focused on learning through games and lots of speaking practice. The children learned how to greet people, introduce themselves and talk about some of their favourite sports. `Gracias` to all who took part.

Mrs Birch

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November some of our lovely Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were chosen to take part in an Indian Dance Workshop at Prettygate Junior School. The children were able to watch and take part in some Indian Dance. I think we all enjoyed this and learnt some new dance moves! We were also given the opportunity to try on a sari and help to dress others in our group. This was more difficult than it looked at first! The children were a credit to our school and I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon with them.

Mrs Williams

### Non-Pupil Day Change of Date

Just a reminder that the Non-Pupil Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 has been **CHANGED** to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.

Therefore, all children are due back to school after Christmas on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

### Lego Masters

Please find attached information on the Lego Masters TV programme.

### Pupil News

Congratulations to Izzy Pyle (6LO) on achieving: Gymnastics – County Grade 5, Distinction and Trampolining – Eastern NDP Qualifier, Level 4, Silver.

Congratulations to Kingsley He (3SW) on achieving a Distinction in his Grade 3 Piano exam.



## Calendar Dates

### Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018	Year 5 visit to First Site
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Foundation Bauble Workshop
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Infant Nativity – Christchurch 6pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Junior Carol Service – Christchurch 6pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Year 4 Play – 1.45pm (gates open at 1.35pm)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Rainbow Class - 2.30pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Sunshine Class – 2.30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Last Day of Term

### Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	First Day of Term
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Individual Photos
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	Half Term

### Email Information

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