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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors.

Christmas Performances

Well done to all the children for the fantastic Christmas Performances this week - I am sure that you will all agree that all the children performed superbly, sang beautifully and shared their enthusiasm for Christmas. All proceeds from ticket sales for both KS1 and KS2 performances will be donated to our chosen charity, Crisis at Christmas.



Christmas Craft and Movie Night

This was, once again, an extremely popular and successful event for the children. An extraordinary 145 children attended, and a massive thanks must go to the fabulous PTFA team who organised and executed the entire event - the children had so much fun! The profit raised from the night was £1,066.38 which will go towards paying for a music teacher in the **summer terms alongside crackers at the children's Christmas lunch, the Elf visit to school and The Nutcracker pantomime.**

Christmas Pantomime - The Nutcracker

This really was a fabulous performance for the children. Their faces were just brilliant as **they were held in awe of the actors. The performance was an hour and a half but there wasn't** a peep from the children who loved every minute of the show. This was paid for from the **PTFA's fundraising** - thank you.

Christmas Decorations

We received some lovely decorations made at home by the children. It is very hard to judge **the "best" as they were all stunning but the winners were Eve, Lexie T, Douglas, Sophie, Ellie and Anya.** Fabulous!

Christmas Lunch

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Dye pulled out all the stops once again for a fabulous Christmas Lunch. The children loved the crackers (provided by the PTFA), the turkey was succulent, and the company great. Well done to all the children for sharing their appreciation of a great meal - the first Christmas Lunch of the year!

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Staff Update

We welcomed Mr Harding, our site manager, this week - what a week to start work here! **Everyone's timetables have changed and there are lots of movements of chairs etc..** Around the school so there has been lots to do!

We also welcome Mrs Kavanagh to our team in January to support the busy school office each morning. Mrs Jack in the office is looking forward to working alongside her as they take on more and more admin from all the services such as school nurses, attendance officers and much more.



Piano Concert

Yesterday we enjoyed a Piano concert from the pupil's learning piano here in school. The children all found that nerves play a role in performing! However, it was a very important step in their musical development and they should all be proud of their performances. I know I was jealous that they have such musical skill.

Christmas Jumper Day

The jumpers looked fantastic today; they all add that extra layer of Christmas to our school. Thank you for supporting this so that school is just full of Christmas everywhere.



Photographs

Whilst it is great to see so many of you in school for performance over the last two weeks, sadly it has not been so great to have to follow up an issue with photographs being taken and/or used inappropriately. Currently our school allows photographs of events so that you **are able to capture the special memories of your child's school days.** However, a visitor misused this privilege with their photos. As a school we do not want to back to the days - in the not too distant past - where no photographs were allowed to be taken at any school event. However, this is something that I must consider due to the recent incident. By signing the form for photographs to be taken you are also allowing me to report the misuse of this policy to the Police, which is something that I will always consider. Thank you to the greater majority who do use this privilege appropriately to ensure you have that special memory of the child(ren).



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100 Club

The 100 Club draw took place yesterday in assembly. A member of the PTFA selected a ball and we can announce that the winner of the December draw is Kerry Turner with ball 29. Congratulations!

Your £50 cheque will be on it's way to you shortly!



Poppy Appeal



We are pleased to announce that the total amount raised by the school as a whole for the Poppy Appeal back in November was £223.65. This is fantastic - thank you to everyone that purchased a poppy, any of the various merchandise or just donated to the cause.

Events at Maidstone Library

Maidstone Library are running a special Christmas-themed Storytime event on Thursday 20th of December between 2pm and 3pm. Cost is £2 per ticket and booking is required - please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for how to book. All ages are welcome and all children will receive a Christmas treat!



Maidstone Library are also offering a Winter Reading Challenge Special on the same day but between 3pm and 4pm, details also at the end of this newsletter. This is free of charge, although booking is still required.

Just a reminder that Storytime at Maidstone Library does run all year round, every Saturday between 11am and 11.30am, and is free of charge to attend with all ages welcome. Do take your child(ren) along to encourage a love of reading and inspire them with a selection of themed stories, different every week.



PTFA Corner

The PTFA's next meeting will be on Thursday 10th January, 1.30pm at the school.
Further dates to look out for are:

Valentine's Disco - 14th February 2019

BINGO event - 27th March 2019

Summer Fair - 6th July 2019

Welcome Back Camping - 14th/15th September 2019

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year!



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Most Improved Mathematicians and Writers

Our most improved mathematicians and writers in Term 2 are:

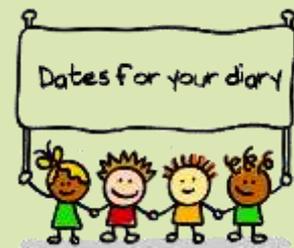
Hedgehogs	Class R	Mathematician - Milly Writer - Jacob
Rabbits	Class 1	Mathematician - Charlotte Writer - Zara
Foxes	Class 2	Mathematician - Henry Writer - Harry H
Woodpeckers	Class 3	Mathematician - Rohan Writer - Riley P
Owls	Class 4	Mathematician - Yasmina Writer - Kenneth
Squirrels	Year 5	Mathematician - Layla Writer - Jadon
Moles	Class 6	Mathematician - Jack W Writer - Sufyan



Well done to all of you for your hard work. We celebrated with tea and cake whilst chatting through our holiday plans.

Diary Dates

7th January	Children return to school
10th January	PTFA Meeting 1:30pm
11th January	Open Session for parents, September 2019 intake



Have a really lovely Christmas break everyone. The children and staff certainly deserve a rest, I hope you get one too!

Miss Terry
Headteacher



Christmas Storytelling

Come join us for this special Christmas storytelling event! We will be acting out stories, sharing tales and celebrating the start of the Christmas Holidays!

All children will receive a Christmas treat!

Thursday 20 December, 2- 3pm

Kent History and Library Centre

£2 per ticket. Booking Required. All ages welcome!

Children 7 years and under must be accompanied by an adult



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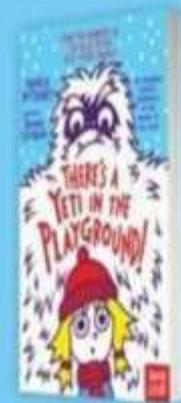
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Word Buddy Club

Winter Reading Challenge Special

Join us for a special wintry Word Buddy Club where we will be having fun searching for yeti's! Activities will be available for all.

Thursday 20 December, 3- 4pm
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