



Headteacher
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Dear Parents

Two more weeks seem to have just flown past and I can't believe that I am mentioning Christmas things in this newsletter!! Please remember if you are unsure or don't understand something written in this newsletter, please ask.

School Grounds Working Party

A HUGE thank you to all the families that came and helped on Saturday 4th November picking up leaves, and generally tidying the school grounds. It was very rainy to start with but then the sun shone. By the time everyone left, the grounds looked great. We couldn't have done it without you. I will add a few pictures to the website to show what it looked like. Unfortunately with all the rain, lots more leaves have come down and it doesn't look quite as great now. I am thinking that when we have some dry weather, I will get the children out helping!!

Things to celebrate

It has been lovely to have Year R children joining Champion Club for the last 2 weeks. On a Monday afternoon, all the Champions from each class come with me for Champion Club and we play inside or outside and have a lovely time. It is a real treat for me and they all seem to enjoy it too. Hopefully your child enjoys coming home wearing their star badge and telling you which Champion they are. They will give their star badge back on a Friday in return for a champion sticker.

Book Viewing Year 1 and Year 2

This is an opportunity for you to come and sit in the hall with your child and look through their books with them and celebrate all their amazing achievements.

We have set two different times:

Tues 21st November - 2.40 – 3.15pm

Wed 22nd November – 8.45 – 9.30am

If you are coming in the morning, come through to the hall with your child as you drop them in class. If you are coming in the afternoon, please come to the school office and you can then collect your child from their class and go into the hall. Please just ask if you are not sure.

Enrichment Day Friday 10th November

The children all had great fun last Friday taking part in activities linked to Diwali. Lots of you came to see the large Rangoli pattern that we put in Cherry Blossom Hall earlier this week. All children helped to decorate a part of it. We will be adding some photos to the school website of the different activities the children did during the day.

Road Safety Day

On Friday 24th November, we will be taking part in Road Safety Day, run by the charity Brake. This is the second year we have done this and it is a great way to teach children about the importance

of road safety, especially in these darker months. On the day, we would like our children to dress in traffic light colours to promote the importance of road safety and following the rules of the road. Your child might like to simply wear a t-shirt in one of the traffic light colours, or you might want to go all out and wear all three colours in the correct order!

After School Clubs

Year 1 and Year 2 children

I am pleased to let you know that CM Sports (who run our football club) are able to offer us another after school club – multiskills – on Thursdays 3.15 – 4.30pm starting after Christmas. Watch out for a separate email with a flier about this.

Following on from the parent questionnaire that some parents completed last May, (when we asked what after school clubs you would like), I am currently in discussions with Jam Coding, a company that provides computing education, to see if they can run an after school club on Wednesdays. This would not start until after February half term. More information to follow.

SCL wrap around club

Those parents who use SCL for breakfast and after school club, should have received an email directly from SCL on Monday and one today, explaining new procedures for dropping off and picking up. This is to ensure the safeguarding and safety of all children in the club. Please do not come into the room, but wait on the mat for the staff to support your child to get all their things and then sign your children in or out. Thank you for your support with this.

Elf Run

Friday 1st December

We are looking forward to The Elf Run on the afternoon of Friday 1st December. You are welcome to come and stand on the playground and watch your child and their year group running round. When your child's year group has finished, please can you leave the playground so that the next year group parents can come onto the playground. FOPs will be serving tea and coffee in Cherry Blossom Hall during the afternoon. The approximate timings will be:

- 1.10 – 1.30 Yr 2 (Daffodils and Bluebells)
- 1.30 – 1.50 Yr 1 (Sunflowers and Tulips)
- 1.50 – 2.10 Yr R (Poppies and Snowdrops)
- 2.10– 2.25 Nursery (Daisies)

Your child will have already brought their sponsor form home so let's see how much we can raise for Phyllis Tuckwell.

Golden Rabbit Assembly

Friday 1st December 2.30pm

This is a special assembly once a term, when three children from each class (not Daisies) are presented with a Golden Rabbit Certificate for exceptional academic progress. If your child is receiving a certificate, their class teacher will speak to you the week before. Everyone is welcome to the assembly even if their child is not receiving a certificate.

FOPS

Just a couple of reminders please:

Please don't forget to buy your tickets online for the Family Fun Event on 3rd December. At the moment, we have sold very few tickets. Our volunteers work very hard to create fun and exciting events, but we cannot run them without support from parents. We'd love to see lots of families there, so if you can come along, please make sure you buy your tickets online at <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fops1>

We also still need volunteers to help - please sign up online at <https://volunteersignup.org/BDK3R>

We will be asking for cake donations for the 1st December for the Elf Run Cafe and for the cake stall at the Family Fun Event - if you can bake or buy some cakes to help, it would be much appreciated. Please bring any donations to the school office on the morning of Friday 1st Dec.

Christmas Post box

There will be a Christmas post box in the hall and the children can bring in cards for their friends from Monday 4th December. Please make sure you put the child's name and their class on the envelope. We are always asked whether we can send lists of names home - we have sought advice from the data protection team and we can send a class list home (first names only) if you would like one. If anybody does not want their child's name on a list that will be sent home, then please let your child's class teacher know by Wed 29th November – either verbally or email the year group email. We will organise these lists over the next few days and they will be available from Friday 1st December from class teachers.

Christmas Performances Year R, Year 1 and Year 2

As you will have seen from the dates on the last newsletter, each year group will be doing a Christmas performance in the hall for parents to come and watch – one morning performance and one afternoon performance.

You can have a maximum of 4 'tickets' for each child – but you can only use 2 per performance – for example, if your child is in Year 1, two family members can watch the Year 1 morning performance and two family members can watch the Year 1 afternoon performance. If you have a toddler and they need a seat (rather than sitting on your lap) you will need to get a ticket for them (within your 4 tickets).

As last year, you will need to use Arbor to book your tickets – go onto Arbor/School Shop and you will see the different performances listed (but you do not need to pay anything!!)

You will be able to book tickets from Monday 27th November until Friday 1st December. If all tickets have not been allocated at this point, we will let you know and you may be able to book another ticket if you need/would like one.

This booking system worked last year and saved lots of time in the office. You will not be given a ticket, but we will have a list of everyone who has booked a seat for each performance and will check this when you come to watch. Any questions, please just ask.

Daisies

Miss Petty will have a class list outside Daisies, where you can sign up for which performance you can come to, depending on when your child is in – either Thursday 7th December at 2pm or Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am. Please ask Miss Petty if you are unsure.

Farnborough Library

I have been told by one of my staff that Farnborough Library are running a coat exchange, hopefully until Christmas. They have lots of good quality second hand children's and adults coats for anyone who may need one. If you have a spare coat that you no longer need, then please donate this to the library.

Dunelm

If you would like to help someone at Christmas, I have been told that in Dunelm, they have a Christmas tree upstairs with tags on. You choose a tag, buy the gift on the tag and take it back to the store by the date on the tag, unwrapped and in a gift bag. Dunelm then deliver the gift to a person in need.

Requests

With all the colds, coughs and other bugs that are currently going around, we are using lots of tissues and hand soap when making sure children wash their hands. If anybody could donate a box of tissues or a bottle of hand soap, that would be really appreciated. Just give them to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Reminders

- Please make sure you and your children do not walk through the middle of the staff car park – this is a road. Please use the path that goes round the car park for everyone's safety.

Have a good weekend and keep warm.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Fri 24 th Nov	Road Safety Day (see above) 2.30pm Rocksteady Concert
Fri 1 st Dec	Elf Run – in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell 2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly
Sun 3 rd Dec	FOPS Christmas Event – more information to follow
Thurs 7 th Dec	9.15am Year 1 Christmas Performance 2pm Daisies Christmas Performance
Fri 8 th Dec	9.15am Year R Christmas Performance 2pm Year 2 Christmas Performance
Mon 11 th Dec	9.15am Year 2 Christmas Performance 2pm Year R Christmas Performance
Tues 12 th Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance 2pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas Parties 2.30pm Listen2Me Music Concert – Yr 2 parents
Thurs 14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 15 th Dec	1.15pm Finish – last day of term
Tues 2nd Jan	INSET DAY (SCL running)
Fri 5th July	INSET DAY (SCL running)