



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come into December we have a large number of Christmas events planned and rehearsals are underway for our various nativity performances so please check the newsletter carefully for details and times. However our drive to continually improve our school does not stop for the season and so this week the Reading Working Party held an away day to agree ways to improve the reading outcomes and experiences of children as they progress through the school. As part of this there will be a reading tip of the week in our newsletter about small things you can do at home to support your child. Some will be more detailed – some are quicker, and as this a busy time of year for many people we are starting our first reading tip as a quick one!

Reading Tip 1: If your child is watching television insist they have the subtitles on!

This reinforces spoken to written word correspondence, you can even extend it to turning the volume off so they have to read what is being said to work out what is going on!

Why not have a go!

Sue Ferguson

REMINDER – LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term for Reception to year 6 is **Friday 21st**. Please note school finishes at **1 p.m.** on this day.



- Please collect your child from their classroom as usual (the main playground gate will be opened at 12.55).
- Children may bring in toys and games for the last day but please note this is at your own risk. Please no electrical or handheld game devices.
- Children should be wearing normal school uniform.

Nursery last day is Thursday 20th at normal time.

Christmas Disco – Thursday 6th December

Times:

Rec, 1, 2 & 3 **3.45 – 5.00pm** (*Reception parents only may choose to stay with their Child.*)

Years 4, 5 & 6 **5.15 – 6.30pm** (*Sorry - no parents.*)

Tickets: Available in the playground from Wednesday 28th November at the start and end of school. Please note price is **£1.50**

Access: Access is from the hall doors in the playground.



Also on sale:

- Crisps – 30p
- Drinks – 25p
- ‘Meal Deal’ (drink and crisps) 50p
- Glow bands 25p or 5 for £1.00
- LED Christmas Slap Wristband - £1.50
- LED Finger Lights – 25p each or 5 for £1.00

Please bring change if possible.

Other Information

- **Please note all children must be collected from school at 3.15 as usual.** Children



who are not collected will not be allowed to attend the event and ticket money will be refunded.

- **Clubs will not run on this day. An extra date has been added.**
 - Please collect your child promptly as we have only 15 minutes between the two events and staff are giving up their own time so these events can take place.
- Please note both discos are NO PHOTOGRAPHY events (this includes mobile phones).



After School Clubs

All clubs **except Chess and Basketball** will **continue** for the next two weeks. Chess finished this week (week ending 07.12.18) and basketball will finish next week (week ending 14.12.18).



Nativity performances

Listed below are details of our upcoming nativity performances. Please note that some timings have been slightly adjusted due to the length of the performances.

Times given are when the performance starts, mince pies and teas and coffee are available before each performance, so come and join us for some festive cheer!

Wednesday 12th December – Years 1 & 2 @ 2.30 p.m.

(Please use main pupil gate which will open at 2pm and come to the hall).

Thursday 13th December – Reception & morning nursery @ 11.00 a.m.

Thursday 13th December – Reception & afternoon nursery @ 2.30 p.m.

(For both performances please use main pupil gate in the playground which will open at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and then come to the hall).

All performances will start promptly on time please ensure you come early to enjoy some mince pies.



Christmas Cards

We are more than happy for children to bring in Christmas Cards for their friends which they can post in our school post box for delivery. However can you please make sure that when they are addressing the envelopes they put the child's name and class clearly on the front as it helps our year 6 'posties' make sure they get to the correct person! Thank you.



Christmas Arrangements

Date	Details
Thursday 6 th	<p>Christmas Disco £1.50 entry, tickets available in the playground from 1st December. Snacks & drinks for sale during event (please bring change if possible)</p> <p>Times Rec, 1, 2 & 3 3.45 – 5.00pm Yrs 4, 5 & 6 5.15 – 6.30pm</p> <p>Access is from the hall doors in the playground. Please note older children must go home and return for their event.</p>
Wednesday 12 th	<p>Nativity – Yrs 1 and 2 Time 2 pm gates open, 2.30pm performance starts</p>



	Thursday 13 th	Nativity – Nursery and Reception Times Reception and AM Nursery 10.30-gates open, 11.00 -performance starts Reception and PM Nursery 2 pm- gates open 2.30 – performance starts
	Wednesday 19 th	Christmas Dinner (with crackers) Wear a jolly jumper day (all children can wear a festive jumper rather than school colours – we request £1 donation towards our charities)
	Thursday 20 th	LAST DAY FOR NURSERY CHILDREN
	Friday 21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM – CHILDREN FINISH AT 1PM Children can bring in toys, but still need to wear school uniform. Please note we are not responsible for the safekeeping of toys bought in from home.

Parent Governor Vacancy - Reminder

Please remember that all nominations for the parent governor vacancy need to be returned **by 10 a.m. on Friday, 7th December 2018.**

We would strongly recommend that you find out a little more about this role & the time commitment it requires before applying. To do this, please speak to a member of staff at the gate or the main office and we will arrange for the Chair of Governors to contact you. Thank you.

Rearranged Dates

Please find below a list of rearranged dates.

Seahorse class assembly – Thursday 6th December @ 2.30

Flu immunisation – Friday 7th December (morning)

Starfish class assembly – 10th January @ 2.30

Up & Out week is being postponed until the summer term and we will confirm dates for this as soon as possible.

E-Safety – Parent advice when purchasing gifts for Christmas



National Online Safety

With a tech-filled Christmas on the horizon, we thought parents might need a little help in keeping their children safe when using their new digital devices...

Therefore NOS has created a song to help you on this:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1070288625877872641>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/1080494295458667/>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

Download: Please request here > <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/stay-safe-at-home-on-devices-this-christmas/>

Alternatively it's worth taking a look at the article below about the 12 ways that Christmas shoppers can keep children and data safe when buying smart toys and devices (ICO)

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Planning to spend a couple of hours in a Christmas Market or online? This Christmas there will be more tech toys than ever before, and many of them will use bluetooth or wifi to link to apps and the wider internet. Some of these toys will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play. The Information Commissioner recently published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys and it is well-worth looking at:



<https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/11/23/the-12-ways-that-christmas-shoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

	<p>House Winners House winners for the week ending 30th November are J K Rowling</p>
	<p>Attendance Winners Attendance Winners for the week ending 16th November = Seahorse 98.67% Attendance Winners for the week ending 23rd November = Seahorse 98.67%</p>
	<p>Punctuality Winners Punctuality winners for the week ending 16th November = Whale, Stingray, Dolphin, Seahorse and Octopus – 0 Lates Punctuality winners for the week ending 23rd November = Whale, Shark, Stingray, Dolphin, Seahorse, Lobster, Jellyfish, and Guppy 1 = 0 Lates</p>

Stars of the Week

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at their own special table at lunchtime that day.



Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	Kajus	Resilience (For stepping in for a class mate, learning lines and trying to save assembly)
6 Whale	Tania	Heard and Cared For (For adding valuable contributions to class discussions. Fantastic ideas)
5 Dolphin	Maileigh	Inspire (For staying focused and working hard during Maths)
5 Stingray	Aisha	Inspire (For her hard work and listening skills during Street Dance)
4 Octopus	Elisha	Successful (For putting effort into her learning outside of school and improving her spellings and times tables)
4 Seahorse	Senam	Inspire (For an outstanding performance during the Greek Workshop)
3 Lobster	Arnas	Successful (Working hard in lessons and challenging himself, once he has completed his work)
3 Turtle	Austeja	Inspire (For always being polite and doing the right thing)
2 Jellyfish	Timea	Resilience (For trying hard to sound out unfamiliar words)
2 Starfish	Lilly-Rose	Successful (For her amazing new attitude towards working hard and learning)
1 Clownfish	Ryan	Successful (For showing great improvement in his writing in English)
1 Lionfish	Naglis	Respect (For always being polite and caring to others)
Guppy 1	Elena	Respect (For having good manners and being a food role model)
Guppy 2	Victoria	Successful (For being a fantastic learning! Always paying attention and trying hard)

Upcoming Diary Dates



DECEMBER

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 6 th	2.45 p.m.	4	Seahorse class assembly (REARRANGED DATE)	YES
	3.45 – 5.00 p.m.	R - 3	Christmas Disco (Reception Parents only)	YES



	5.15 – 6.30 p.m.	4 -6	Christmas Disco (AMENDED TIMES)	NO
Fri 7 th	am	All	Flu immunisation (REARRANGED DATE)	NO
10th – 14th	TBC	All	Christmas gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)	NO
Wed 12 th	2.30 p.m.	1 & 2	Nativity performance	YES
Thu 13 th	11.00 a.m. 2.45 p.m.	N & R	Nativity performances	YES
Weds 19th	TBC	All	Wear a Christmas or winter jumper (£1 donation)	NO
	12 p.m. TBC	R - 6	Christmas Dinner	NO
Thu 20 th		N	LAST DAY OF NURSERY (NORMAL FINISH TIME)	
Fri 21st		R-6	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1 P.M.	

JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Mon 7th	8.55 a.m.	N-6	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	