



Dear Parents and Carers

It's has been a really spectacular week, with some truly stunning performances from Nursery up to Year 2. A huge well done to all of the children that performed. I certainly feel in the Christmas spirit and you all did really well. Thank you to our parents for organising such wonderful outfits and for helping the children learn all of their words - I'm sure you'll be humming those songs for the rest of Christmas. We look forward to our Key Stage 2 carol concerts next week! On another Christmas note, I was very impressed with the range of Christmas jumpers on show today.

I have been meeting with all of the teachers this week to discuss the progress pupils have made since September, and it has been a very successful term. It is heartening to see how well the children are doing and just shows the effort they have been putting in. I know this will continue into the new year.

Well done to our year 6 football team, who this week played very well despite their loss to St Anne's School, with an excellent goal from Joshua. Thank you to all of the children that have represented the school in sport over this term, whether it has been in football, dodgeball, hockey, netball or athletics - you have been terrific. We look forward to Spring, where there will be even more sporting opportunities. Well done also to all of our runners - I know that many children are quickly approaching their marathon medals.

We have a busy few days ahead as we build up to the Christmas break, so I wish everyone a restful weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck
Head of School



Dates for your Diary

- 17 Dec YRs 3 & 4 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
- 17 Dec Nursery Christmas Party
- 17 Dec YRs 2, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Party
- 18 Dec YRs 5 & 6 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
- 18 Dec Reception & YR1 Christmas Party
- 19 Dec YR3 Christmas Party
- 19 Dec END OF TERM (2.00)

- 3 Jan RETURN TO SCHOOL (8.45)

Inset Days 15 February 2019
 23 April 2019
 3 June 2019

N.B. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception
KS1 = Years 1 & 2
KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

Attendance Matters

If your child is unable to attend school, you must phone the school office before 09.30am on the day of the absence. If no message is left in the office, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please pay dinner money in advance every Monday or, alternatively, you can pay half termly using our online payment facility. Should you require log-in details for online payments, please speak to the main office. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day.

Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

In nursery this week we have been talking about the Christmas story and practising our concert songs. We have made Christmas cards and decorations. We have also been playing lots of Christmas based games to help with our counting.

RECEPTION

The children have certainly shown off their amazing singing and acting skills this week in their performances of 'Busy Busy Bethlehem.' We are so proud of them! In class we have been focused on this month's value of love.

YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have been learning about our value of December which is love. In English we have been learning about the features of poetry and how to write an acrostic poem about winter. The children used some lovely vocabulary! The year 1 team are extremely proud of their performance of 'The Nativity' on Wednesday. The children sang beautifully and their confidence shone through, They all looked fantastic in their costumes- thank you parents for providing these! We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. :)

YEAR 2

This week year two got their audiences dancing with two very successful performances of the Christmas story told in the style of Strictly Come Dancing. The characters all performed their own dance routines including a line dance by the townsfolk of Nazareth, disco dancing angels, innkeepers performing a tango and some very funky camels. Back in class, we also managed to write letters to Longbeard explaining what happened on our treasure hunt last week (all on authentic pirate tea-stained paper), as well as completing our work on multiplication and division.

YEAR 3

In year 3, the children have been writing their versions of the story about 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and have begun some Christmas themed work learning about 3D shapes and their properties in maths. The children have also been singing together with the children in year 4 to get ready for the Christmas concerts next week at St Mary's Church.

YEAR 4

We've had a busy week writing our Harry Potter narratives! We are focusing on using descriptive language to help the reader imagine the story. We have also been building tension throughout the story, to make the climax exciting and suspenseful! In maths, we have been consolidating addition and subtraction methods (mental and written), focusing on selecting the most efficient strategies to solve calculations.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been writing their own narrative texts about an alien-race this week in English - this includes creating their own characters and drawing them! We have completed our moon buggies and they look fabulous! In maths we have been revising area, perimeter and statistics. We are very excited for our Christmas Carol Concerts next week.

YEAR 6

Year 6 are very excited to perform in our concert next Tuesday! We have also learned how to plot coordinates, translate and reflect shapes, and completed our narratives on Goodnight Mr Tom.

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.8%	97.9%	97.5%	99.1%	95.5%	93.1%	96.8%

Well done to **Year 3** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Zebras and Dolphins** for the best class attendance **99.3%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.9%	96.9%	96.5%	96.9%	96.2%	96%	95.6%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **95.9%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Harry	Whole class	Alex
Squirrels	Nectarie	Whole class	Vineeth
Flamingos	Whole class	Amel	Sommer
Penguins	George	Kayson	Frankie
Swans	Whole class	Sophie	River
Dolphins	Izzy	Ella	Jason
Seals	Whole class	Arlo	Amelia
Giraffes	Whole class	Cohen	Jackson
Zebras	Harley W	Scarlett	Alan
Jaguars	Maram	Finn	Fred
Leopards	Whole class	Thomas	Rayan
Panthers	Dylan	Jensen	Sophia
Eagles	Allisha	Alyssia	Charlie
Kestrels	Lee	Freya	Taylor
Cobras	Kara	Panna	Shanaiya
Pythons	Betty	Ollie	Jake

WELL DONE EVERYONE