

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a wonderful week of Christmas celebrations and enjoyed welcoming so many of you into both our school and St. Mary's church for our Christmas productions. From the poorly reindeer in Reception, the curious sheep in Years 1 and 2, some shocked shepherds in Years 3 and 4 and some pitch perfect rapping in Years 5 and 6, I am sure that you will agree that all of the children did a wonderful job! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank St. Mary's church for allowing us to host our Key Stage 2 concerts there and all of our teachers and teaching assistants who have worked so hard to bring these productions together. It has been a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas.

We are pleased to tell you that after a term of hard work our new kitchen is nearly ready to use. We have had a sneak preview and the cooking equipment all looks very impressive. I know that the kitchen staff are very excited to begin using it, and we are planning a launch event for early next term...watch this space!

Christmas jumper day today has brought a smile to everyone's faces and I am sure we have raised lots of money for Save the Children. I am also delighted to say that in between performing and watching the performances, children continue to undertake some lovely learning, Year 3 have just visited our office to show us their 'Moving Monsters' DT project which is very impressive.

The celebrations continue tomorrow with our much anticipated Christmas Fair, I know lots of children are very excited to meet Father Christmas and I also believe Olaf will be paying us a visit. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

Mrs Coleman and Mrs Chadda

Dates for your Diary

2017 Autumn Term

16 Dec	FROGS Christmas Fair— 12.00pm
20 Dec	Nursery Christmas Concert—11.00am Christmas Lunch
18 Dec	Reception and YR5 Christmas Party
19 Dec	Nursery, YR1 and YR2 Christmas Party
20 Dec	YR3, YR4, YR6 Christmas Party
21 Dec	END OF TERM—2.00pm
4 Jan	Back to school
9 Jan	Eagles Class—Forest Schools start
11 Jan	School Tour—9.15am (2018 intake)
11 Jan	Dolphins Class—Swimming lessons start
16 Jan	Kestrels Class—Swimming lessons start
24 Jan	YR6 Science Museum Trip
Insets	9th February 2018 16th April 2018 23rd July 2018

NB. Please note dates are subject to change.

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

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS MONDAY—FRIDAY 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

If you wish to report an absence please call 01932 227816 (selecting option 1) and leave a message. Calls must be made by 09:30 at the latest to safeguard our children.

Thank you

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 £2.25.

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

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 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. 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.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

We have been busy reading lots of Christmas themed stories and learning about Christmas traditions. The children have all made beautiful salt dough decorations and cards to bring home. We have also been busy practising our Christmas songs ready for our song-along next week.

RECEPTION

This week the children thoroughly enjoyed their performances of 'Ralph the Reindeer'. Thank you so much for your support. In class, the children have been learning about seasons and talking about the different weathers and colours that they might see as the seasons change.

YEAR 1

This week, Year 1 have been writing poems about our value of the month - Peace and they have been very creative by making Christmas cards and calendars to take home. Also, they have been rehearsing their Christmas Production which they performed at the end of the week. What a busy week it's been!

YEAR 2

This week Year Two have been rehearsing hard for our performances of 'Hey Ewe'. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as the children enjoyed performing! We have also been practising our running stitch to sew a pattern on Binka. Finally, we have been studying the short film 'The Snowman and The Snowdog' for English to get us in the mood for Christmas, and completed a comic strip of the story.

YEAR 3

At last we have finished our amazing myths, full of drama, descriptions and detail and have really enjoyed acting, discussing and sharing our fabulous ideas to create some of the best writing Year 3 have ever seen!

We are currently trying to finish our moving monsters in DT, we hope you have some display room ready!!

YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 wrote some fantastic extra scenes for Romeo and Juliet in our play scripts topic. In Maths, we looked through the tests we recently took and revised some key topics and our times-tables. The children performed magnificently in our Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert and the staff are all incredibly proud of them - well done Year 4!

YEAR 5

In Year 5 this week we have been consolidating our learning of how to use formal written methods to multiply and divide. The children have invented a new reindeer food and have designed their own brands and advertising campaigns to sell the food to Father Christmas! The children also sang very well at the Christmas carol concert. Well done Year 5.

YEAR 6

Year 6 are celebrating phenomenal progress this week! Our concert was a roaring success, and we are all much closer to hitting our end of year targets. We rock!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

WOW—what amazing productions the children performed for us during the week. They sang beautifully, acted with enthusiasm and the overall performances were wonderful, putting us all well and truly in the festive mood. Well done to everyone— we are very proud of you.



Year 4

attended the Advent Walk last week as part of the links with St Mary's. The children were all engaged in finding out the Christian meaning of Christmas.



RUNNING CLUB

Congratulations to the following children who have attended every single running club since the start of the year (100% attendance = 11 miles run).

Year 1	Flamingos Swans	Jack Vishayna, Melody and Lara
Year 2	Seals	Hunor, Kayla, Grace and Ramsay
Year 3	Antelopes Giraffes Zebras	Frank Arjun, Chris and Grace Molly, Jensen, Callum and Megan
Year 4	Panthers	Jake, Taylor, Freya, Leoni, Oliver
Year 6	Cobras	Kyle, Rhiannon

Remember, you need to attend at least 26 sessions to gain your marathon medal (or half marathon for year 1 and 2). Good luck!

Mrs Matthews Clubs

We are straight back into the swing of things on our return from the Christmas break. Mrs Matthews' clubs will be taking place as follows:

Indoor Athletics – Thursday 4th January at 8.00am

Running Club – Friday 5th January at 8.00am

Football Club for Girls, YR5 and YR6 boys starts back on 11 January—3.00pm 'til 4.00pm

WALTON DAY CENTRE

Over the last half term, Singing Club have been practising lots of different Christmas carols. They were lucky enough to visit Walton Day Centre to perform these carols. It was a lovely morning and the adults were overjoyed!
Well done Singing Club!



Class Christmas Parties will take place next week (see dates for your diary).

Please bring party clothes in a named carrier bag on the day of your child's party (no fancy dress and sensible shoes please).

There is a sign up sheet at each classroom, so if you are able to provide food items for the children please add to the list.

Thank you!

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.1%	96.2%	95.6%	93.5%	92.8%	93.9%	95.5%

Well done to **Year 1** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Pythons and Dolphins** for the best class attendance **97.9%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.8%	96.6%	96.3%	96.6%	96.5%	95.4%	96.4%

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

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