



Head's lines...

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well the tree is up and already looking beautiful as the children bring in their stars to hang up and decorate it. I can't quite believe we are in December and still have so much to fit in to the last few weeks of term. We also have lots of information to share in this newsletter too about the activities that have been happening since half term.

I am pleased to let you know that we have welcomed two new Teaching Assistants to our team—Mersey Roberts joins us full-time in Year 2 and Jo Crichton will be in Reception everyday. They are really enjoying getting to know the children in these classes.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday—it is always such a lovely but busy atmosphere in school that day. I know the organisers are so grateful for the contributions you make beforehand and your help on the day.

Finally I wanted to make a plea—for a family that may be willing to take on the role of pond maintenance for us. I can arrange full training and the chance to get up close to all the newts that live in it!

Best wishes, Sharon Barton

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of our families for the generous contributions to our Harvest Festival collection. All donations were collected by FEED and are a much needed addition to their food bank for families in need.



Important Dates	
7th December	Christmas Fair
17th December	EYFS Performance
19th December	Christmas Dinner
19th December	Nursery End of Term
20th December	End of Term 1:30
6th January	INSET DAY
7th January	Spring Term Starts
17th-21st February	Half-Term

Years 1 and 2 Performance

The children in Years 1 and 2 treated the whole school and their families to "Animal Rumble Grumble." A lovely musical play about rain coming to the thirsty plains of Africa. Gubahri sang his little heart out and remembered all of his lines despite being poorly and missing the last few days of rehearsal. The drummers and rain-dancers were all fantastic and really made the songs special.



Children in Need



The school council were so pleased with the amount of money raised for Children in Need this year. A combination of non-uniform day, a spotty cake sale and guess Pudsey's surname raised a total of £330.62. Thank you for all your support.

Caelan and Finlay were the proud winners of the Pudsey Bear for correctly guessing his surname was Trump!

INSET DAYS for 2019/2020 A reminder that Half-Term is 17-21st February. There will be INSET days on Monday 6th January & Friday 26th June 2020. We will finish for the summer on Friday 17th July 2020.

Remembrance Day

This year the children and staff produced a collaborative poppy on our allotment. Each child painted a stone red, with the reception children painting theirs black. Then, after assembly, they took turns solemnly placing their stone in the shape of a large poppy, whilst thinking about the Remembrance Day information they had heard.



Film Festival Trips

Over the first two weeks back after half-term, the children were treated to cinema trips by the film festival with thanks to the PA for paying for the coaches. Years 1 and 2 got Christmas started early when they went to see *The Grinch*. They all loved it so much and thought it was really funny. Rory and Harvey said, "remember when the moose drank the strawberry milk and it came out of his nostrils? That was so funny!" After a very exciting journey on the coach, Years 3 and 4 found themselves back in the classroom to watch *Mary Poppins*. Years 5 and 6 enjoyed the very comfortable seats while they watched *Wonderpark*.

News from the PA

This is a very busy and exciting time of year for PA events. We've already created our lovely and always popular Christmas cards. The Christmas Fair is on 7th December, so please remember to send in your Rainbow Tombola items, bottles of wine, cakes for the cake stall and make yourself known if you would like to help out on the day. All funds raised go straight to the children and school, so always a worthy cause. Children also have the opportunity to create a decoration to go on our lovely tree, if they wish.

Please can we remind parents/carers that the front doors are not meant to be used as an entry/exit point during drop-off and pick-up. For the security of the children, they should only be used if signing in a child who is late, or picking up a child early. Thank you.

Netball



Last week our netball team were very busy with two matches. Lucy C Captained a really well-played, evenly matched game against Cunningham Hill. Both teams fought right through into the last quarter with Camp winning 5-3. Abigail was a very well-deserved player of the match. Our second match against St Albans and St Stephen's showed excellent defence against a very strong team. We conceded far fewer goals than we could have done. Eve captained fantastically and encouraged the girls to keep their heads up in a tough match! Well done to Hannah for another well-deserved player of the match.

Football

The Camp football team continues its success this half-term with a 9-0 win against Sandridge. The team secured this win by showing lots of great passing, communication and team work. Congratulations to Declan for assisting goals and being our player of the match and Lucy H for nearly scoring her first goal! The team is very proud of their hard work, enthusiasm and continued success.

House Sports Competition



This week we introduced our very first whole intra-house sports competition. The children took part in various sports throughout the morning where they accumulated points for their house teams. Years 1 and 2 played multi-sports, Years 3 and 4 played bench ball, Years 5 and 6 played hand ball. Great enthusiasm and team spirit was shown by all, with Wimbledon coming first in points.