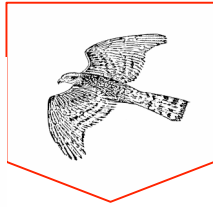


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Dear Parents,

As you can imagine, it has been a very busy day in school today. The PTFA have done a great job selling the Christmas Gifts. They have been exceptionally busy, and the children have been very excited! Thanks to all parents who helped at Christmas Gift Day today. It is wonderful to see children being able to do their Christmas shopping for family members. I just wish my Christmas shopping was so easily completed!

Thanks also to all the parents who came to help wrap the presents on Wednesday evening. Everyone wrapped very quickly and no one got too tied up with the cellotape!

Next week will see the start of more Christmas events. The week will start with Monday being a non-uniform day. Pupils are asked to bring in an item for the tombola in return for not having to wear school uniform. The Nativity will be performed by the children in the infant classes on Tuesday at St Luke's Church, starting at 9:30am, Christmas parties will be happening throughout the week (for the specific dates see the reverse of the newsletter).

The PTFA Christmas Fair is on Wednesday evening, Thursday will be the School Christmas Lunch - the cooks are cooking lunch for over 300 people, which is a mammoth task usually, but especially with only half the oven working properly! So, many thanks to them too! By the end of the week we will certainly need a break!

Can I just remind you that we do not start back to school on Monday the 4th January, that will be a Teachers Training Day, but the children will start school on Tuesday 5th January after the Christmas break. I have arranged for the After School Club to be open on the Monday for anyone who would like to use this facility for child care. To make this cost effective a minimum of 12 children need to take up places. Less than 12 parents have expressed an interest so far, so if you are interested please ask at the school office / let Amanda know at the After School Club sooner rather than later. A decision will be made by Wednesday 16th December if the club will be open or not. We will let you know.

On the reverse of the newsletter are 2 superb poems written by 2 pupils from Robins' class. They were very proud of their work when they came to show me last week, and excited to think it would be in the newsletter this week!

I am looking forward to assembly this afternoon, Miss Milborrow's Ocarina club will be performing, and Mrs Iles' 'Makaton signing club' will be performing a signed version of 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. What creative children we have! (Thanks also to Miss Milborrow, and Mrs Iles!)

A final thanks to the Christmas Tree Man who sells tress at the bottom of the hill who donated a Christmas Tree to the school to the value of £30! Many thanks to you!

Have a good weekend
Aly Ward

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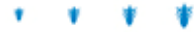
Diary Dates – November & December

- 14th December – non uniform day – bring an item in for the tombola
- 15th December – Nativity (performed by pupils in Reception, Y1 and 2)
- 16th December – Christmas Fair
- 17th December – School Christmas Lunch
- **Monday 4th January – Development day – school closed**
- January 13th – Parents evening

Remember:

Once a week, take a peek!

*Actual size of headlice
in stages of growth*



In the nighttime

Cats curling
Dog's barking
Fireworks popping
Snow falling
Children sleeping
Owl's swooping
Night lights glowing
Santa coming!
In the night time

Charlotte

In the nighttime

Owls swooping
Police cars wailing
Burglars stealing
Dad snoring
Mice scurrying
Cats purring
Pantomime showing
Fireworks spitting
Santa coming!
In the night time

Grace

This weeks practical problem to solve

On Christmas Eve the children of one family left a note for Santa saying that all the girls would like a puzzle each and all the boys would like a book each. They left Santa this riddle to solve:

The girls have twice as many sisters as brothers and the boys have five times as many sisters as brothers.

How many puzzles and how many books did Santa leave for the children?



Mrs Hughes Money Saving Tips of the Week Christmas gifts for under £5

Sand art brownies

Simply buy all the solid ingredients you'd need to make brownies and place each one into a jar (an old coffee one would do) so you can clearly see the flour on one tier, the cocoa, the sugar and so on. Then add a bit of ribbon to it and a nice print out of the recipe. All your friend will have to do is add the liquid ingredients and hey presto!

Luxury hot chocolate

Buy a nice cheap mug and add a few sachets of luxury hot chocolate and sweeties inside it. And if you have time (and the skill!) you could even knit a mug warmer to go with it. Then wrap some cellophane around the mug, tie a bit of Christmassy string and it'll look like something you'd buy from a gift shop for much more than £5.

Selection of home-made biscuits

Baking favourite cookies, biscuits or cakes are nice and easy Christmas treats. Simply present them on a decorated paper plate, wrapped in plastic.

Hockey report - Aidan Fox

Year 5's and 6's took part in their first inter school Hockey Matches last week and did themselves proud. It was the first time they had played together as a team and with a tough first match against Sandgate Primary losing 2-0 the attack was on!

The second match against St Eynsworth was a much better all round match with Liam Jelley scoring a great goal resulting in 1-1.

The last match against Castle Hill started with us going 1-0 down but we levelled off with Aidan Fox scoring and winning 2-1 with a further goal by Bailey Slater

Thanks to Mrs Carrol for training and more importantly providing the chocolates!

Well done

Conor Guilfoyle
for being awarded
your 800metres
swimming badge!
Well done!



Letters sent home this week

- E safety – Y56
- Y5 – Swimming letter

If you have not received one of these letters please contact Mrs Crook in the office on Monday