

9th December 2022 - No. 437

A message from the Deputy Head, Mrs Bone

I can hardly believe that we have arrived so quickly at the penultimate week of term. I would like to extend a huge thank you for your continued support of the school and of your children; we are unable to do our jobs without you and we feel enormously proud to serve our community.

Quite literally, our youngest children have been centre stage with their Nativity performances to both school and to parents. The children brought such great joy to everyone and it was such a pleasure to watch them bring the story of the birth of Jesus to life. I never cease to be amazed by the talents of our children; it is such a scary thing to stand up in front of an audience for the first time. They remembered their lines, the actions to songs and where to stand on the stage – it is more complicated than it looks especially if you are in a costume! This was further complicated by a number of children being poorly however the show went on! Thank you to everyone who was able to celebrate their performance with us and thank you to parents for their support with costumes, singing the songs and learning the lines! As Mr Witts said at the close of the show, hopefully these will slowly evaporate from your heads now!

In other parts of the school it has been, as ever, furiously busy. I feel so lucky to be able to pop into lessons across the school and to see the wonderful work the children are completing with their teachers; I am now building a fantastic art and poem gallery in my office!

I would also like to thank our talented teaching teams for their commitment to our children and for bringing learning to life in lessons. It has been wonderful to see Tectonic plates in action in Year 3, the flow of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the human body in Year 6 and performance poetry in Year 5 amongst many other exciting learning opportunities.

With the drop in temperatures, please ensure that you stay warm and safe and that your children bring – and wear - a coat to school. I wish you a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming you to the last week of term on Monday 12 December. Please remember that school finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 16th December.

Things to Remember

Due to the weather being extremely cold, please ensure your child brings to school a coat every day along with any gloves, hats etc.

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle every day to school.

Outdoor Learning Sessions

Monday 12th December – 2S
Wednesday 14th December - Year R
Thursday 15th December – 2H

Please ensure your child brings a pair of named wellies and a named waterproof coat into school.

Dates for the Diary

14.12.22 - Carols Around the Christmas Tree
16.12.22 - Non-school Uniform Day
16.12.22 - Last day of term, 13.30 finish
02.01.23 - Bank Holiday – no school
03.01.23 - Inset Day – no school
04.01.23 - Start of Term 3
20.01.23 - Young Voices @ O2
26.01.23 - 3T Class Assembly

ACHIEVEMENTS

Learning Award

1A Idara I, 1M Martin K, 2H Harry S,
2S Summer W & Clara BP, 3G George D,
3T Eva HH, 4K Eloise G, 4M Jessica D,
5F Oliver BG, 5R Alfie W, 6C the whole class, 6N Oscar D

Value Award

1A Emily W, 1M Jake L, 2H Molly H,
2S Saskia P, 3G David AJ, 3T Benjamin L,
4K Ima U, 4M George S, 5F Ted W,
5R Elsie H, 6C Elise B

Outdoor Learning Award

4K Jack S, 4M Seb TDT



CLASS READING AWARD

4M

Best overall class and great Non Fiction reading!
Well done 4M

House Points

Beckett	1711
Dickens	1752
Churchill	1762
Harvey	1501
Holmes	1667
Shakespeare	1673

CONGRATULATIONS TO
CHURCHILL
This week's winners

School Attendance Actual to date = 95.8%
School Lateness Actual this week = 47
School Attendance Expectation = 100%

School News

Be vigilant – Information on Scarlet Fever and Strep A have been emailed out and also paper copies are being sent home in book bags this week.

A reminder that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, our school policy is that they are to be kept off school for 48 hours after the last bout of symptoms.

Please be advised that we are a nut free school due to children with allergies. Please can we ask that no peanut butter, chocolate spread or anything else containing nuts is brought to school in packed lunches. We appreciate your understanding.

We are very aware of the financial challenges facing all families at this time. We do not wish for any family to feel obligated to buy a gift for their Class Teacher or for their friends; this is precious money that you may prefer to invest in your own family. This year, we have been advised by the Aquila Trust that school colleagues are unable to purchase gifts for the children; this is part of new guidance around Anti-Corruption and Bribery.

Upcoming Christmas Events



Wednesday 14th December – Carols around the Christmas Tree.

The choir will be hosting Carols around the Christmas in the school hall from 4.30 – 5.30pm. **All Families** are welcome to join us. There will be refreshments available. We hope to see you there.

Friday 16th December is a non-uniform day.

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Winter Mini Challenge

The Winter Mini Challenge is back for 2022, encouraging children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays.

This year, The Reading Agency teamed up with Science Museum Group for the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge – inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects and showing that imagination can unlock endless possibilities. Now the Gadgeteers are back for the Winter Mini Challenge! Join the Gadgeteers at their local community centre as they use their ingenuity and creativity to keep everyone entertained during a snowstorm. Get ready for cool do-it-at-home experiments and learn along the way as you read for pleasure with the Winter Mini Challenge

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Children read at least three books of their choice between **1 December 2022 and 20 February** and add them to their online profile at wintermini.org.uk. Reaching their online reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep. You'll find loads of other great stuff on the website too, including games, book reviews, reading activities and content from the best children's authors and illustrators around. For parents, there is a Home Zone and Library Zone on the website with more information and top tips. The Reading Agency also have a [Facebook page](#) so parents can keep up to date with news and opportunities, with special competitions for book bundles and much more!

School Prayer

4, 3, 2, 1.. Count the weeks until Jesus comes. Each week we add another light. Our hope for Jesus growing bright. We pray, we share, we do our part... to welcome Jesus to our heart!

