



PARENT NOTICES

Week Beginning 5th November

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 delighted us all last Friday at Collective Worship showing the whole school and parents what a wonderful time they had on their recent class outing to the Sea Life Aquarium in London. They talked clearly about their experience and it was fantastic to get an insight into their trip through the many photographs shown. They also presented some amazingly creative sea creatures which they had made at home, sharing fascinating facts about them. I was impressed with their knowledge in answering our questions at the end. Well done to all the children and thank you to Mrs Pearce for all her research and preparation in putting this topic together for the class and including such an adventurous and informative trip.
Mrs Juanita Dunlop, Exec Headteacher

Primary School applications for Reception 2019 are now open and applications should be made directly to the borough where you are a resident. This is the Common Application Form (CAF) and must be completed by all applicants, including siblings of existing pupils. Even though we are part of a Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, our Reception class admissions are managed by the RBWM Admissions team on our behalf and we cannot consider any applications unless a CAF has been completed within the timescales set. The deadline for applications is **midday, 15th January 2019**.

If you are making an application on faith grounds, you should also complete a supplementary application form (SIF) and submit this directly to the school with a supporting baptism certificate, so that the school Governors can take this into account when ranking applications. Please note that the school admissions policy has changed for 2019-20 with the removal of the parish boundary, so all Catholic applications now fall into the same category. In the event of there being more applications than places available in any one category, distance to school will also be taken into account. Please read the full Admissions policy document on the school website, or ask the school office for a printed copy. If you are aware of any families who are interested in applying, in particular coming from overseas, or moving into the area, please help to ensure they understand the timescales and requirements. Please direct them to the school office where we are happy to answer any questions and arrange a visit to the school. These are scheduled most Monday mornings at 11 a.m., leading up to the application deadline.



KEY DIARY DATES - AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 05/11	DIOCESAN INSET DAY – no pupils in school
Thursday 8/11	Year 1/2 Parent Reading Meeting 3.15 p.m. Year 2 Classroom
Friday 9/11	FoSF Bags2School Collection at drop-off - before 9 a.m. Collective Worship 9 a.m. – Remembrance
Monday 12/11	Reception Class – Parent/Carer Tea & Coffee Morning 9.00-10.30 a.m. with Mrs Fraser (LRC Room). Reception/Year 1 Mobile Library – please bring in books to change.
Friday 16/11	Children in Need – Spotty Mufti Day and Duck Race Sweepstake (£1 fundraising contribution for each activity)
Thursday 29/11	Year 2 Trip to Hampton Court Palace
Friday 30/11	Collective Worship–Advent: Travelling nativity & Reverse Advent Calendar
Sunday 02/12	FoSF Christmas Fair
Friday 7/12	Reception & Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Pre-School
Monday 10/12	Reception & Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to whole school
Tues 11/12 & Thurs 13/12	Reception & Year 1 Nativity
Friday 14/12	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 fundraising contribution for Daisy's Dream) KS2 Inter House Rugby
Tuesday 18/12	Whole school Christmas outings Reception Class – The Fir Tree at Norden Farm AM Year 1 to 6 – Dick Whittington at South Hill Park PM
Wednesday 19/12	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20/12	Christingle Service at Church 14:00
Friday 21/12	Terms ends 13:30
Mon 24/12 – Fri 04/01/19	Christmas Holiday
Monday 07/01/19	Spring Term starts 08:50

Some reminders for the coming week



KS1 Parent Reading Meeting Mrs Grant-Stuart and Mrs Pearce are holding a short parent meeting on Thursday 8th November at 3.15 p.m. in Class 2, to give an overview of their class reading scheme and how you can support your child at home with this. Please attend if you are able to. Other school staff will supervise children in an adjacent classroom whilst the meeting takes place. It should not last any longer than 30 minutes.



Usborne Books Reading Challenge Donations and sponsor forms should be handed in by Friday 9th November. This is the Usborne scheme to give free books by matching amounts that the school fund raise. Your child can still take part this week! Any amount they can raise would be wonderful, but to hit our £600 target, we only need each child to raise £3! A sponsorship form is attached with this newsletter. Please return this along with any money raised to the school office by Friday this week to allow us to claim our free books credit and help our re-stock the school library.



FoSF Christmas Party at Mill Ride Golf Club – Saturday 24th November A great social fundraiser to kick off the festive season. Please order your tickets online through ParentmailX and complete the form for your menu options by the end of this week. Numbers and menus need to be confirmed to Mill Ride, so please complete this in good time if you want to be included. Tickets are £37 including a 3 course meal, DJ and donation to FoSF school funds.



FoSF Bags2School Collection – Friday 9th November. Please drop off bags of unwanted clean clothes, shoes and accessories at the school gates on Friday morning. Please use the collection bags sent home or any tied refuse bags. The more we collect, the greater donation to the school, so please take this opportunity to have a good clear out! Household and bed linen can be included but no duvets or pillows please. Please also don't include any school uniform items, with or without a logo – these can be donated to the 2nd hand uniform shop instead.

Please also have a final check in the lost property box if you are missing any items this week. This is in need of a clear out so any un-claimed un-named items will be added to the Bags2School collection on Friday or the 2nd hand uniform stock as appropriate.



REMEMBRANCE Ahead of Remembrance Sunday, there will be a special Collective Worship on Friday 9th November. Poppies and related items will be on sale at school to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal. Please give your child some small change to donate if they would like a poppy, or suggested donations of 50p to £1 would be appreciated for other items, such as button badges, wrist bands and bags tags.



We are pleased to confirm a Christmas outing has been arranged for all the children. Reception class will visit Norden Farm in Maidenhead to see the Fir Tree, a delightful Christmas show with music and puppetry. This is planned for the morning of Tuesday 18th December, leaving after registration and returning in time for lunch. The class will travel to and from Norden Farm by coach. Miss Swan feels this shorter performance in this charming theatre will be a perfect first outing for her class.



Years 1 – 6 are off to South Hill Park for a pantomime performance of Dick Whittington, also Tuesday 18th December for the matinee performance. The children will travel to South Hill Park by coach, leaving after lunch. Following feedback, we have decided to include a return coach trip to St Francis rather than request parents to collect children directly from the theatre as originally proposed. The children will be back between 4.45/5.00 p.m. A firm time will be confirmed nearer to the date.

FoSF are still kindly contributing to the cost of transport and we will now be asking for a parental contribution of £10 for Reception class and £12.00 for Year 1 to 6. Our preferred payment method will be online via Parentmail PMX and a parent item will be added shortly. We would like all children to attend and whilst extra-curricular activities such as these would not happen without parental contribution, no child will be denied a place due to financial hardship. Please speak to Ms Elliot-Walker or Mrs Underwood in complete confidence if you have concerns regarding the cost of this trip.



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING! The children's Christmas card and gift designs have been sent off to Chameleon Create (www.chameleoncreate.co.uk). Your child should have brought home a letter with a unique access code and the pop-up online shop will be available between 7th and 14th November to make purchases. Items ranging from cards, gift wrap, mugs, t-shirts, mouse mats, bags are available, and ideal for Christmas gifting. There are some samples to view in the school reception.

Please consider reserving some money you might spend on Christmas for these items. For every item purchased, FoSF will receive a donation of 50p-£2, which could add up to a lot of school funds. Items will be available to collect at school from 30th November, so in plenty of time for Christmas.