



## Head's Message

Congratulations EVERYONE! The Christmas Fair raised a whopping £ 3,350.00 this year. We will discuss how this is to be spent at the next Parents Forum. Thank you so much to everyone who has worked tirelessly over the past few weeks and who contributed to making this such a success. You're amazing!

Thank you also to everyone who attended our Carols by Candlelight, but most of all to the Parent Band. We are so lucky to have such a talented and committed set of parents. You're amazing!!

With only one week to go before the end of the first term in the 2015-2016 academic year, things are getting very exciting in school. We are, however, still hard at work and children will be starting to get tired (never mind the teachers!). Please let's try to ensure that children are arriving on time to school for the final few days and are alert and focused enough to really enjoy all their learning and festive activities.

We will finish at **1.30pm next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015**. There is no after school care; please ensure that your child is picked up on time, when we will all be wishing each other well for the holiday...

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

## Celebration Assembly

**18<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents



## Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3pm:** Carroll Class Nativity

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Dahl	99.00%
2nd	Lewis	98.39%
3rd	Carroll	97.59%
4th	Dickens	96.33%
5th	Potter	92.67%

## Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: What can you find out about Christmas trees?

Year 2: Invent a character and a story.

Year 3: What time will it be in 40 minutes? What time was it 40 minutes ago? Test yourself.

Year 4: What will you do to improve your castle? Research any methods you'll need.

### Year 1 Home Learning Update

Year 1 Spelling will take place on Thursdays from now on. Pupils will receive the new list as usual on Friday. Reading books will be changed on Thursdays in Year 1.

## Stars of the Week

For showing respect, our stars of the week are:



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Our stars of the week for last week (4<sup>th</sup> December 2015) were:



We apologise for not printing these in last week's newsletter.

## A Christmas Carol

Children from Dickens Class had a festive treat on Wednesday when they went to see 'A Christmas Carol' at The Rose Theatre in Kingston. This parent led trip allowed pupils in Year 4 to see a story they know very well brought to life in the theatre. Rhea said "It was scary and funny at the same time. We all had lots of fun!" A big thanks to Lucy (Isaac's Mum) for putting in hours of hard work to ensure the trip was able to happen. Thanks also to the parents who drove pupils to and from the theatre and looked after them during the play.



## Notices

### Year 1 Swimming Lessons

**Swimming lessons for Year 1** pupils will commence next term on Mondays. The first lesson will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016**. Please have swimming kit, swimming hats and towel at the ready!

### Payments

Can we please request that ALL payments for Enrichment Clubs, Lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Care are paid by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Thank you.

### End of Term

Please remember that school closes at **1.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015** for all pupils. There will be **no** After School Clubs on this day.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday, the last day of term, is Christmas Jumper Day! Children will be raising money for three different charities by wearing a festive jumper to school. If you would like to be involved, please send your child to school in their favourite festive/Christmas/colourful jumper. This should be worn over the top of the normal school uniform and please leave a donation in your child's bookbag/backpack.

### Drama Club

As parents know, Drama Club has been interrupted this term and there hasn't been time to create a big performance, but if you'd like to come and see what the children have been doing for the last couple of weeks please do come along on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 4.50pm.

### Christmas Tea Towels

Great news! The Christmas tea towels are now available to buy from the School Office at £4 each. They would make a fantastic Christmas present or stocking filler.

### School Photographs

Your child brought home their school photograph 'proof' yesterday. Please place your orders by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the latest. Photos will be sent home with your child at the start of next term.

### WisePay Spring Menu

The spring term lunch menu is now on WisePay for you to order your child's lunches. Please be aware that you must order lunches for the first week of term by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

## EYFS News

This week, Carroll Class have been feverishly rehearsing for next week's Nativity! We have managed to squeeze in some learning in between, exploring positional language and ordinal numbers as well as writing our own postcards based on our target text. We had a lot of fun at Forest School, collecting items around the park and then creating our own transient art, such as faces and reindeer. Thank you to Morgan's mummy for accompanying us!

Next week, we will be focussing on writing postcards to Ark Priory and starting to explore money and 3D objects. We will also be discussing celebrations and exploring family customs and routines; learning how we celebrate differently. Ideas for home learning: ask your child to perform a song from the Nativity, perhaps with some musical instruments. You could film it and put it on Tapestry. Make an invitation or card for something that you celebrate. Look at some 3D shapes and help your child to draw or name them.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team.