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Head's Message

We've had an incredibly busy week! Dickens Class enjoyed a fascinating visit to Kensington Palace where they immersed themselves in the amazing stories about the palace and the people who lived there.

This week Miss Carver, Mr McBeath and I were delighted to be invited to Speaker's House to celebrate the work of London School Leaders. While appreciating the impressive venue, it was a fantastic opportunity to network with other schools to share ideas and learn from other high performing schools.

You may have noticed our Christmas tree has arrived! It's a little early to decorate it just yet but rest assured preparations are underway. We also have a growing collection of sparkly, glittery snowflakes waiting to transform the hall into a Winter Wonderland - thank you to those who have already supported the Parent Association in preparing for the upcoming Christmas Fair.

Unfortunately it has been brought to my attention that it is becoming incredibly congested with cars just outside the front gate. I urge you to consider modes of transport that avoid the use of a car, but if you do choose to drive to school please take particular care of pedestrians, both children and adults.

Enjoy the weekend, we will see you on Monday!

Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky



Celebration Assemblies

Friday 2nd December – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

Friday 16th December – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Stars of the Week

For showing honesty, our stars of the week are:



Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Carroll Class	98.67%
1 st	Potter Class	98.67%
3^{rd}	Lewis Class	98.00%
4 th	Dahl Class	97.67%
5 th	Austen Class	97.33%
6 th	Dickens Class	93.67%

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: What else goes away in winter?

Year 2: Design and label a trap to catch a pesky animal.

Year 3: What did Stone Age people use to create cave paintings?

Year 4: Write a diary entry as Queen Victoria when she finds out she is going to be a queen. Spelling rule 'able'.

Year 5: Use the image (handed out today) as a story starter. Spelling rule – sure suffix

Inspire Excellence

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 3rd December 12 – 2pm -Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th **December** – 9.15am – Carrol Class Nativity

Friday 9th December – INSET Day (School CLOSED for pupils)

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Dav

Tuesday 20th **December** – 6pm - Christmas Carols

Wednesday 21st **December** – School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

Notices

Children in Need

A huge thank you once again for your support for Children in Need. We have raised a whopping £392. This is the most Ark Conway has ever raised - well done!

Year 4 Trip to Kensington Palace

Year Four visited Kensington Palace this week to find out about Queen Victoria's childhood and journey to the throne. We had a lesson from her very strict governess and explored primary and secondary sources in order to learn more about Princess Victoria's childhood.



We also found our setting for this week's writing and had a climb at the Princess Diana Memorial Playground.



School Photos

Please remember to return your order forms and the correct money by Monday 28th November. Thank you.

Dahl Class Assembly



Dahl Class were the stars of this morning's Assembly. They have been working really hard on their volume, clarity and presentation skills. Mr Welsh and Miss Choudhry are very proud of them all!

"We sang the Umpa Lumpa song off by heart with no music playing. We also recited the Fantastic Mr Fox poem and all the class did a speech about Roald Dahl" Artie

EYFS News

This week was our final week of Little Red Riding Hood. We have enjoyed thinking about which other creatures we might meet in the deep, dark forest. We have also been using natural objects to make woodland creatures and we have started to learn about different animal habitats.

Next week we are starting a new text, called The Jolly Postman. We will be designing, making and wrapping gifts and delivering them around the school. In Maths we will be thinking about positional language with regards to where we put our presents and where our postman goes when he is 'out and about'. Ideas for Home Learning: You could make your own wrapping paper using stamps. You could design a postage stamp. You could play a positional game such as 'Twister' and put on Tapestry, evidencing your child's understanding of positional language such as 'over', 'under', 'beside', 'above' or 'between'.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS Team.

