

Friday 14th December 2018

Message from the head



It has been a really lovely week as we all get ready for the holidays. Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who helped out with, and came to, the fabulous Christmas Fair. There was so much to enjoy ... a raffle full of fantastic prizes (including a brand new adult bike, thanks to Kingsley Bishop) Jill's traditional Christmas cake and of course Santa. Somebody told me that it was the real one, I hope they were right! We have also enjoyed the Early Years show this week, the children looked adorable and they sang and performed brilliantly in front of lots of proud parents and family and friends. Next week we are looking forward to Christmas Lunch and Ralph the Reindeer from Year 1 and Stick Man from Year 2, we can't wait!

Dates for your calendar

Please check our website for term dates for the full year.

18th December	Year 1 show 2pm
20th December	Year 2 show 2pm
21st December	Last Day of Term—School closes 2pm
24th - 6th January	SCHOOL CLOSED, CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
7th January	INSET day, school closed
8th January	School opens for children
15th January	Curriculum Meetings Nursery, Y1, Y3 & Y5 (3.35pm)
17th January	Curriculum Meetings Reception, Y2, Y4 & Y6 (3.35pm)
21st January	Corsica to the CLC
22nd January	Sicily to the CLC
25th January	Significant Males' breakfast
29th January	Choir at Young Voices O2

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

We are pleased to announce that the Christmas Fair raised a whopping £865.33!

This is an amazing amount of money for the school and we would like to thank everyone who helped out—from collecting/donating raffle or tombola prizes, to baking cakes, making candy floss, running a stall and to everyone who attended and helped to raise the money. It was a busy but extremely fun afternoon.

Particular thanks to Aiden's nan Jill for baking yet another fantastic Christmas cake. Congratulations to Marianne for guessing the correct weight of the cake. The final weight was 3.725kg. Congratulations to Lily from Sicily for correctly guessing the amount of sweets in the jar, 298 to be precise.

A big thank you to everyone who donated clothes for our '(Re)Love' Pop-up shop. We received more than 50kg of clothes and managed to give away 15kg of clothes to families at the fair.

The remaining 35kg was donated to 'Calling London' and 'St Mungos'.



ParentPay

215 accounts still need to be activated!

Please don't forget to activate your ParentPay accounts. As of the start of January we will be a **completely cashless** school, so now is the best time to activate your accounts and familiarise yourself with the website.

DID YOU KNOW: You can merge all your children's accounts under the one login. Even if they attend a different school! Making it easier with just the one login and password to remember.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

DON'T FORGET: Afterschool clubs will **ONLY** be payable via the ParentPay website. You will have the option to pay the minimum of the half termly payment or the whole termly payment. The minimum payment is due by the 19th December—which will be £12.00 if you are free school meals or £24.00 if you aren't entitled. The payment deadline for allocated places is December 20th.



Even Santa made an appearance. Any photos taken with Santa will soon be available for collection from the school office.

Chicken Pox Outbreak

There have been several cases of chicken pox in the school and we just wanted to give you some advice.

- chicken pox starts with red spots. They can appear anywhere on the body. As soon as any spots appear, your child will need to stay off school. The spots fill with fluid and blister.
- Other symptoms before or after the spots appear could be a high temperature, ache/pains, generally feeling unwell. Paracetamol (calpol) usually helps.
- The blister will then start to scab over, usually after about 5 days. Once all the spots have scabbed over and are dry, your child will be ok to return to school.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2pm on FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER

Mummy Tomatoes in Tahiti!

Tahiti have been partaking in the mummification process, by mummifying tomatoes. They used salt and bicarbonate of soda to make their own version of Natron. We can't wait to see the results on the last day of term before Christmas.



Historical natron was harvested directly as a salt mixture from dry lake beds in ancient Egypt, and has been used for thousands of years as a cleaning product for both the home and body.



Journalists in the making!

This week, Year 5 looked at a variety of newspaper articles. Next, they are planning their very own newspaper reports about strange events that took place in a little town in Germany. Before they can start the reports they took a look at a variety of different newspaper articles that have been published in First News. They enjoyed reading the different stories and quickly realised that the headline needs to be interesting to catch the readers attention. They also decided that the subheading needed to summarise the events of the report.



Tahiti and the Shaolin Temple

Tahiti class had the great privilege to visit the Shaolin Temple near Tufnell Park. Founded in 2000 it is an official emissary of the 1,500 year old Shaolin Temple in Henan Province in China. Tahiti enjoyed taking part in Kung Fu and meditation sessions, as part of their exit point for Varjak Paw.



He's behind you! Oh no he isn't!

Our Early Years and KS1 classes enjoyed a fantastic pantomime production of Dick Whittington last week.



Change of Meals

If your child wishes to change their meal type, whether from school meals to packed lunch or visa versa, please be reminded that you must come into the school office and complete a 'Change of Meal' form.

This can only be done half termly.

If you neglect to inform the school office and do not complete a form, you will still be charged for any school meals that have been ordered on your behalf.



Golden Book Awards! And this weeks winners are...



Emma & Sofia—Mull, Noora & Marlei—Skye, n/a—Guernsey, Alex & Yonis—Jersey, n/a—Y3, May—Y4, Helin—Y5, Alyssia—Y6

We are accepting forms now for changes to take place in January.

Deadline for forms is

Thursday 20th December.

The only Meal patterns are as follows:

Monday—Friday—packed lunch or meal everyday

or

Monday—Thursday—packed lunch with a Fish and Chip meal on Friday.