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INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

17th November 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What an action packed and powerful week this has been! Well done everyone for working very hard this week and for coming to school in spots today for Children in Need! It was great to raise money for an extremely good cause.

Anti-Bullying Week

Congratulations to all the children for signing our Anti-Bullying charter to make sure that we all are doing our part to eradicate bullying. Thank you to those who came to the parent/carer workshop on Wednesday. If you would like further information or help regarding anything to do with Anti-Bullying week you can always visit these websites:

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

www.antibullyingweek.co.uk

www.bullying.co.uk

Ms Lacam and Mr Hamilton have also provided us with a bank of very useful books which parents and carers can borrow. 'The Unwritten Rules of Friendship' has very practical ideas and information about making sure your child understands what it means to be happy in themselves and what makes a good friend. It is a fabulous book to read (I wish I had read this when my daughter was younger!) If you would like to borrow a copy then please speak to the office, sign up and the read away. Thank you Ms Lacam and Mr Hamilton!

Governor Monitoring Day

Thank you to all those parents and carers that spoke to Mrs Marriott and the governors on Wednesday. You rated us at 9.25/10 for how good you think we are. To try to get 10/10 parents and

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carers identified two main things for us to action. Communication and a link for the online calendar. I will be acting on both of these issues over the coming weeks!

Kidzania Idea

We have had a very inspirational idea for the summer term! We would like to create our own Kidzania week in school. But for it to come to fruition we do need some help. The Kidzania week would allow the children to actually experience 'real life jobs' in a hands on way. The idea is similar to Kidzania in that we want to offer the children real life hands on experiences of as many different 'jobs' as possible. If you think you could offer any ideas or help to make this happen, please come and speak to me!

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children who came to school in their Pudsey ears or wore spots; we raised £207 for Children in Need.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Max, Lachlan, Jack (Moonstone), Roshan, Myka, Chaeyul, Michael for the wonderful birthday books for their classes!

Year 2 Clubs

The Year 2 clubs will be starting next week! Looking forward to practicing my ukulele playing over the weekend ☺

Golden Manners Table

Joining me for lunch this week because of their excellent manners were Frankie, Forrest, Miller, Alex, Henry, Jasper and Joseph. Superb!

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Thought for the week

"We all do better when we work together. Our differences do matter, but our common humanity matters more." B Clinton
Have a brilliant weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

What a fabulous Anti-Bullying Week! The children came up trumps with using kind feet, kind hands and kind words, finishing with a recipe for making a good friend on Friday!

The children have been learning more sounds and looking for and painting things to do with those sounds and you now have some more to practice for homework. Homework can be done any time - please do not do it all at once, just a little at a time when they feel happy to have a go: Play I-spy with the new sounds: p, n, o, i (revising i). We have been learning about how it is important to stand up, stand strong, and stand together as a team and as the children said "sharing is caring"!

Next week we will be focusing on the story of 'The Rainbow Fish'. This will reinforce 'the sharing is caring' that the children are focusing on and with that we will learning to sequence two colour patterns. We will talk about the parts of a fish such as: scales, fin, gills, tail, and the other creatures that live in the sea with the Rainbow Fish. Our sounds next week will be d, g, c, and k. There will be activities around the class that link to those initial sounds. Baking will be making a tuna or fish paste sandwich.

A huge thank you to Karen (Anna's mum), Olly's Mum, Emma, for doing afternoon library and baking, and George's mum who is always there to help and coordinate everything. Merci! **Please sign up for baking or library (if you have a valid DBS) or your child may be missing out!** It does not have to be the whole morning or afternoon and can be every two weeks. Betsy's mum is emailing round, and there are a few parents whose emails she is missing, to keep you all in the loop of all the wonderful things the Friends do! It is a brilliant way to make new friends and know what is happening in school, even if you cannot help in the class.

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We have cleared the garden ready to plant the bulbs next week. Do we have any keen gardeners?

We will also be learning our Christmas songs as the Christmas performance is only two weeks away – 4th-8th December at 9.15am. If you haven't received your invitation letter with seat booking form, please contact the school office. All booking forms should be returned by Friday 24th November. Jade afternoon children will be taking part in the production on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th and we ask that they come to Nursery at 8.45 am on these mornings and are collected from Nursery at 10.30am. They can then come back in the afternoon for their normal session from 12 – 3pm.

The children love the Caravan and this week they have been using it as a mobile café!

Please remember to name your child's coat, hat and gloves, thank you.

Thank you for all your support, have a great weekend!

The Nursery Team ☺☺☺

Reception

This week, as part of Anti-bullying week, we learnt all about what makes a good friend. The children had lots of good ideas and we were very proud to see them making a special effort to be kind and caring towards each other this week. We talked about what bullying means and how important it is that everybody feels safe, included and valued in our school.

In Literacy we have continued to practise blending the sounds we have learnt in FRED, e.g. ch –i –n chin. Thank you for supporting your child with their FRED learning at home. We have also used letter sound cubes to 'build' cvc words eg mop, lid, blending the sounds as we go.

In maths we have been finding the number that is before / after / one more / one less than a given number. Please practise this with your child and if they are confident with smaller numbers then can they apply this to numbers up to 20 / 30 / 50 / 100?

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Reception (cont'd)

We have been playing games putting numbers to 20 in order.

In PE we have been focusing on safe take offs and landings, jumping safely around the space and off a range of apparatus.

Both classes have begun practising our songs and actions for the Christmas performance. We look forward to sharing them with you in December!

Next week we will be sharing the story of 'The Three Little Pigs', focusing on the sequence of events that happen in the story. We will be using drama to act out the story in small groups, and joining in with repeated refrains e.g. "he huffed and he puffed....", "Little Pig, Little Pig, let me come in!". We will continue to practise letter formation.

In maths we will be thinking about sequencing. We will be continuing and creating repeating patterns using a variety of resources. For example, we will be painting caterpillars, choosing colours for the segments to create a repeating pattern.

In PE we will be lunging and leaping! We will practise lunging in different directions and balancing in the lunge position.

Baking has now begun on Mondays, in small groups. Each week a different group will have a turn to bake.

We will continue to practise our Christmas Song for the Christmas performance, using a big voice and singing with a smile!

Vocabulary: before, after, next, then, first, last, sequence, order, repeat, pattern, leap, lunge.

Show and Tell (Friday): Badgers – a favourite story.

We currently have enough materials for junk modelling, please don't bring in any more for now thank you!

The Reception Team ☺

Year 1

This week in school has been anti-bullying week. We have been doing lots of work on how to be a good friend and how we can stop bullying. We learnt that the word bullying means when someone is repeatedly being mean to you, either with words or actions.

In Literacy we created some short drama plays to show what to do if you are being bullied by someone else. The main message is to tell a grown up, either someone at home or someone at school. We made some posters to remind each other how we can be a good friend and what to do if you feel you are being bullied. We stuck our posters around the school. We wrote a description in our literacy books of who is a good friend to us and why they are a good friend.

In Maths we have been learning how to find one more and one less of a given number using a hundred square. We have learnt to circle the number, and then jump back a square to find one less and jump forwards a square to find one more. Some of us have been finding 10 more and 10 less and by jumping down or up a square and we noticed each time that the unit always stays the same.

Thank you for all your junk modelling resources that you have given us, please continue to bring any more that you may have at home as we still need more.

Show and Tell group – Elephants (The children can choose what they bring in as long as it is not a toy and they can tell us two facts about it.) Show and Tell is on Friday. Please ask your child what animal group they are; if they are unsure then check with their class teacher.

Home Learning: Please can you read with your child as much as possible and record it in their reading diary.

- **Maths:** Use your hundred square to find 1 more/ 1 less and 10 more/ 10 less.

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Year 1 (cont'd)

- **Literacy:** Write a descriptive sentence with your child of who is a good friend to them and why. Using adjectives and conjunctions 'and' 'but' 'because'

Vocabulary:

- *Maths* – hundred square, more, less,
- *Literacy* – adjective, conjunction, and, but, because

We would like any old newspapers please as we are doing a lot of cutting and sticking between now and Christmas!

Year 2

In PSHE and Literacy, as part of Anti-Bullying week, we have thought about the qualities that make a good friend. We decided that being kind and thoughtful were very important as well as being friendly and making us laugh. We thought about what bullying is and ways that we can help stop it happening. As part of our SPAG we identified what homophones are and wrote sentences to show their meaning.

This week in Maths we have been learning about directional and positional language. We talked about making turns – $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and whole turns and the direction of each turn – clockwise or anti-clockwise. We also made a game to help us practice our number bonds to 10 and 20.

In our History lesson we ordered and retold the story of Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot. We have really enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and the other plotters! In Music we have begun practising our Christmas songs ready for the Christmas Production. Each class has chosen a country for their song or dance. Amethyst – Sweden with an ABBA/1970s theme. Diamond – USA with a Country and Western line dancing theme.

Homework: Our Maths homework is to complete the number bond activity and to try to learn the number bonds off by heart.

Key vocab for this week: number bond, direction, position, whole turn, clockwise, anti-clockwise, homophone, Guy Fawkes, Houses of Parliament, treason.

School Office

Student Photos: Please remember to order your photos by 22nd November for free delivery to school. To order go to:

<https://www.imagojuniors.com/login/CombinedLogin.aspx>

and use your unique login and password to access your child's photographs.

Christmas Production Seat Booking form: This week you should have received an invitation and booking form to book seats to come and watch the children's Christmas production 'Christmas Around the World'. We ask that booking forms are returned by Friday 24th November. We will do our best to ensure that everyone is allocated their first choice but any forms returned after 24th November cannot be guaranteed. If you have not received an invitation/booking form, please contact the school office. Booking forms should be returned to the school office via the black 'Office Post' box. Thank you.

Friends

Kingston turned its lights on last night, the seal on the mulled wine has been cracked, and the Christmas films are piled up by the TV (Gremlins for tonight!). Let the good times roll!

Not long to the Christmas Fair, I hope everyone has it on the calendar.

We are still accepting donations of decorations, prizes for the Posh and Bottle tombola, small gift items for Elfridges, and fudge and sweets for the Sweet Shop. We are also looking for items for the pot pourri (dried pine cones, conkers, Bay leaves, whole allspice and cloves, cinnamon sticks, dried fruit slices, dried rosemary and lavender).

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Friends (cont'd)

You should have all received a letter and two cups to fill with sweets/toys etc. for the Lucky Cups stall, and your raffle tickets this week. If you would like more please let one of the Friends or your class rep know and we'll get these to you.

If you could please return the following kind donations:

- Raffle tickets by 27th November
- The Lucky Cups by 29th November
- Fudge and sweets for Ye Olde Sweet Stall by 29th November
- Bottles for the Tombola by 1st December (a MUFTI day)
- Cakes etc. for the café by 1st December

There are a few places left on the Stocking workshop (apologies for the wrong dates in last week's newsletter, I hope it didn't cause too much confusion!)

- Tuesday 28th November - 1 space!
- Wednesday 29th November - 4 spaces
- Thursday 30th November - 14 spaces

Just drop your form and money into the Red post box indicating a 1st and 2nd choice of day. (form attached)

There are also still spaces left on the Wreath Workshop at the George Evelyn pub - bring your friends too. They just need to fill in the form and deposit with their money in the red FRIENDS post box. (form attached)

If you would like to order a real Christmas tree or wreath there is (you guessed it!) form attached! Free delivery in a 2-mile radius from school and free Christmas trees for the school, can't say fairer than that!

Thank you to all the people who have already donated, the elves who are working so hard to get everything ready, and the face painters who have been practicing

Don't forget the Shopping event at LDSM on 23rd November.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on 14th December at Bosco's in Surbiton for a great night out.

Have a great weekend!

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Co-operation



Sophie S
James
Jack Wh
Kailan
Megan S
Kiara

Golden Certificates:

Agnes
Emilia
Adam
Summer
Jasmine
Myka
Aalia
Isla
Miller
Emily W
Jennifer
Georgina
Miss Evangelos

Credit Card:

Theo
Zack

Birthdays:

Chaeyul – 6
Jack W – 6
Roshan – 6
Myka - 7
Michael - 5

Outside Achievements:

Jasmine was awarded Water Skills 2 certificate
Alana achieved her Level 5 award at Avondale Gymnastics

DIARY DATES

November 2017

Monday 20 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 21 st	9.15am Open Morning for Reception 2018 Prospective Parents/Carers
Wednesday 22 nd	Last date for ordering student photos from Imago for free delivery to school
Tuesday 28 th	9.15am Open Morning for Nursery Prospective Parents/Carers

December 2017

Friday 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mufti day in return for a bottle donation to the Christmas Fair bottle tombola • 1.20pm Christmas Decoration afternoon – parents/carers welcome to come and help – <i>please contact the school office if you would like to come and help</i>
Saturday 2 nd	Friends' Christmas Fair
Monday 4 th	9.15am Whole School Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5 th to Friday 8 th	Each morning at 9.15am Whole School Christmas Production (please return the booking form by Friday 24 th November)
Wednesday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field (morning only) • Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th	2.15pm RockSteady Concert - (<i>parents/carers of children who take part are invited to attend</i>)
Friday 15 th	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
Wednesday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field (morning only) • Nursery finishes for Christmas holidays
Thursday 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.15am Christmas Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome • 1.30pm school closes for Christmas holidays

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / Adverts



ST MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing?

Would you like to be part of a choir for Christmas?

Friday night practices 8 till 9.30pm (followed by a visit to the George Evelyn if you would like to!)

Sing with the choir for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 17th December and join us at Surbiton Station and The George Evelyn to raise funds for Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice

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