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Newsletter

Term 2

20th December 2019



Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you have been able to come to the school over the last couple of weeks and see your children in their Christmas performances, they have been amazing! We are also pleased to announce that this year's Christmas Bazaar has raised an amazing £1122.68, the best ever! These monies will be used for playground improvements. Well done and thank you again to our parents and carers and our wonderful PSA in raising this substantial amount of funds for the school.

Please have a lovely break and we will see you back here on Tuesday 7th January.

Mr Rankin, Principal

RE Celebration Day



This week, we held the second of our RE days, this time with a focus on Christianity. It was lovely to have Tom Collins come into school to lead discussion groups with some of the older children.

Each Year Group had a key question to answer ranging from:

Y1 - What is Christmas - Toys or More? to Y6 - What is worth Celebrating?

Children took part in a variety of activities including Y4's making advent wreaths.

Charlie Jones in Y6 said, *'I really enjoyed RE day - we got to learn about how different religions have many different types of celebrations and we explored who celebrates Christmas and why they do or why they don't.'* Rory Hayes in Y3 said, *'We learnt about how light symbolises hope and we talked about homeless people and people in need, particularly at Christmas time. We wrote poems and painted pictures about light and hope for these people.'*

More photos can be found on our [Facebook](#) page.

Christmas Performances

It's been lovely to see so many parents coming along to our Year Group Christmas singing and performances. Take a look at some of our photographs!



Year 1/2 Performance



Y3/4 Christmas Singing



Y6 Community Singing at the Conquest Hospital





Y5/6 Christmas Singing



Kits January 2020

A letter was emailed home last week regarding our PE curriculum and PE kits.

From January 2020, children should come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. If you missed the email, you can [take a look](#) at the letter here.



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Year 6 charity collection in aid of Dom's Food Mission. The Mission came to school today to collect all the boxes packed by the Y6 classes. These packages will be donated to local families in need over the Christmas period.



Diary dates

No Rocking Ridgers on last day of term, Friday 20th December.

Christmas Holiday Starts Monday 23rd December. Monday 6th January 2020 is an INSET day Children return to school Tuesday 7th January 2020		
Tues 14 th Jan	Y6 PGL 2020 information meeting	3.15 in Y6 classrooms information
Thurs 16 th Jan	Change to menu for January census day	Menu 16th Jan 2020
	Y5 Jaws and Claws Workshop	Information
Wed 22 nd Jan	Author and Illustrator of Orrery visiting Y4 and Y5 classes	
	Olympic long-jumper Ezekiel Ewulo visiting	Information
Tues 28 th	Y1 visiting Drusillas	Information
Wed 12 th Feb	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop	Information to follow
Thurs 13 th Feb	Year R classes visiting Herstmonceux	Information to follow
Fri 14th Feb	INSET day	
February Holiday Mon 17th -Fri 21st Feb		
Fri 20 th March	MUFTI for Easter Fayre/Egg Hunt	Information to follow
Mon 23 rd March	Y6 Safety in Action at Hastings Fire Station	Information to follow
Fri 3rd April	INSET day	
Easter Holiday Mon 6th – Fri 17th April		
Sat 28 th March	PSA Easter Fair/Egg Hunt	Information to follow
Wed 17 th – Fri 19 th June 2020	Y6 PGL 2020	Information
Sat 27 th June	PSA Summer Fayre	Information to follow



Does your child prefer packed lunches? Here are some [Healthy Lunchbox Ideas!](#)



~Children return to school Tuesday 7th January 2020~