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Newsletter

Term 2

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Nativities and Christmas Performances

Our Reception classes, Surrey and Canterbury, performed their Nativity, 'The Lost Sheep' to their families this week. Mrs Rose and Mrs Crovetto said, ***'The children have been working really hard over the past two weeks and were absolutely fabulous. It is a lovely way to start Christmas.'*** Don't they look amazing?!

Year 1 Goldsmiths and Sussex classes and Year 2 Bath and Exeter classes also put on amazing performances of Christmas songs and dances. Mrs Oakes said, ***'KS1 have been practicing really hard and performed wonderfully well to their parents on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We are so proud of them!'*** [Take a look..](#)

Christmas lunch

It was great to see the children enjoying their Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Our kitchen team cooked over 300 lunches which were served by school staff. [Take a look!](#)



Lost Property

Our lost property storage is once again full to bursting with unnamed items. If your child is missing anything, please ensure it is collected by Tuesday 18th December as we will be recycling anything unnamed as we do not have enough storage to keep it.

Dom's Food Mission



A huge thank you to everyone who has donated food and clothing to this local charity! Miss Glover, who has coordinated the collections on behalf of Little Ridge said, 'We have managed to make up 11 children's boxes for children who would not have otherwise received gifts this Christmas and will be sending a large donation of food to help feed local people who are facing Christmas on the streets.' Maggie from Dom's Food Mission came to school to collect the boxes and said ***'Little Ridge has done really well –the children should be proud of themselves. These items will go to families in real need at this difficult time of year. Thank you!'***

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Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 and 6 students represented Little Ridge in the Hastings Cluster Indoor Athletics Competition. Twelve students competed in a range of running, throwing and jumping activities. Our team finished an impressive 4th overall, achieving first places in many of the running events. It was great to see

the encouragement and support our students gave to one another, this was rewarded with a first place in the final 12-person relay race.



Booking school lunches for pupils in YR/1/2 and pupils in Y3/4/5/6 entitled to free school meals

From January, ALL parents whose child/ren would like a school lunch will need to book via our ParentPay system. All children in our Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals programme, so system will automatically note this and make no charge. The same applies for families who have children in Year 3, Year 4, Y5 and Y6 but are also entitled to free school meals; you will still need to use ParentPay to book the meals.

We need to implement this in order to give accurate meal numbers to the school kitchen staff, ensuring that sufficient food is available on the day. Therefore, if you currently do not have a ParentPay activation letter, please ensure you contact our school office team before the end of term and they will arrange this with you. Thank you for your support.

Attendance and Safeguarding

Attendance this week



Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	96.5
		Y3 Brunel	99.3
YR Surrey	97.6	Y4 Cardiff	98.6
YR Canterbury	97.9	Y4 Chichester	97.1
Y1 Goldsmiths	97.5	Y5 Aston	96
Y1Sussex	97.4	Y5 Leeds	98.6
Y2 Bath	98.6	Y6 Oxford	93
Y2 Exeter	96.6	Y6 Cambridge	98.6
		Chester (SLC)	97.5

CLASS+ invites parents and carers of children/young people with Autism/Social Communication difficulties to [join us for coffee, chat, advice](#) – the chance to forge new support networks and friendships

No need to book – just come along!



Mrs Rose, KS1 Lead, says ‘thank you’ to all the parents who came to the EasyPeasy workshop. It was great fun working with the children and they loved having their parents in the classroom!



Diary dates

Mon 17 th Dec	Y6 Christmas Singing at Conquest Hospital	1.30 – 2.30 information
Mon 17 th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas performance	2.40 – 3pm on school playground. School gates open from 2.30pm
Tues 18 th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas performance	2.40 – 3pm on school playground. School gates open from 2.30pm
Tues 18 th /Wed 19 th Dec	Class Christmas film afternoons and snacks	These will take place on either Tues or Weds afternoon. Classes will send letters home confirming arrangements.
Wed 19th Dec	Last day of term 2 No Rocking Ridgers after school care club	School finishes at the normal time
Thurs/Fri 3 rd /4 th Jan 2019	Inset days	School closed to pupils
Mon 7th Jan 2019	Children return to school for Term 3	
Tues 8 th Jan	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop	Information

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~ Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas! ~

