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Newsletter

Term 2

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Dear parents and carers

As we are now at the end of term, eagerly awaiting our Christmas break, I wanted to take this opportunity to say some heartfelt thank yous.

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of our wonderful school staff who have worked tirelessly to make our school safe for our children in very challenging circumstances.

Secondly, a massive thank you to our fabulous pupils who have adapted superbly to our 'new normal', showing resilience and integrity in all that they do, as well as working so hard to make great strides in their learning.

Finally, a big thank you to our parents who have been so supportive and patient as we have adapted our routines and protocols.

We are looking forward to sharing with you the children's Christmas videos. Information on how to access these will be emailed separately when they are ready.

I wish you all the best Christmas and hope you can spend special time with your families.

Take care and stay safe. Kindest of regards,

Kate Woolley (Head of School)



RE Celebration Day – Christianity and Christmas

On Tuesday our whole school focus for this term's RE day had a central theme of Christianity and Christmas.



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 – take a look our [Facebook](#) Page for some more pictures.

Pantomime



This afternoon, all the children were able to watch BigFoot's production of the 'Sleeping Beauty' pantomime. Roars of laughter echoed throughout the school as each class watched the performance in their bubbles. The pantomime was tailored especially for Little Ridge (oh yes it was) and there were a few surprises for everyone to enjoy. All the children enjoyed snacks and drinks whilst they watched; again, thank you to Mrs O'Leary and her friend for providing these. Thank you also to [BigFoot](#), it was brilliant! (Oh yes it was!)

PSA Christmas Decoration Competition



Well done to everyone who entered our PSA's Christmas Decoration Competition. We had some amazing entries, and the children in each class voted for their favourite. Y6 will be voting on theirs when they return to school. The winners each won a chocolate selection box donated by the PSA. Take a look at all the entries on our [Facebook Page!](#)

The winners are as follows:



CHRISTMAS DECORATION WINNERS			
Canterbury	Primrose Baldock-Apps	Brunel	Lily Frezel
Surrey	Jessica Loftus	Kingston	Bridget Leddy
Sussex	Harper Holden	Cardiff	Thomas Stevens
Goldsmiths	Noah Cutts	Chichester	Sanudi Ranaweera
Bath	Stanley Capon	Leeds	Toby Walters
Exeter	Oscar Neal	Chester	Aiden Bell
Headteacher's special award		Sophie Smith (Bath class)	

PSA Christmas Draw



CLASS DRAWS			
Canterbury	George Jones	Brunel	Charlie Baxter
Surrey	Mason Climpson	Kingston	Ben Cutts
Sussex	Harper Holden	Cardiff	Theo Winn
Goldsmiths	Muhammad Ibrahim	Chichester	Josh Mabon
Bath	Matthew Peoples	Aston	Amber Palmer
Exeter	Chelsea Wright	Leeds	Rosie Panter
Cambridge	Elizabeth Stapkevica	Oxford	Isabelle Fowlie
Chester	Alfie		
KS1 DRAW	Noah Gibson	KS2 DRAW	Bridget Leddy

Thank you to everyone who entered the children's Christmas draw. There was a prize for each class and one for each Key Stage.



Dinner Menu January 2021

A reminder that the price for a school dinner will change slightly from 5th January 2020, reducing by 1p to a price of **£2.19** per meal.

The new menu for January – Easter is available and can be found [here](#).

Dates for your Diary



Friday 18th December	School Closed to ALL pupils	
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2021	Christmas Break	
Monday 4th January 2020	INSET	Children return to school Tuesday 5 th January 2021



We wish everyone a very safe and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2021

