

December 2017



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Dear Parents & Carers

Message from Mrs Majcher

As December is upon us, we have started our Christmas festivities. Rev Suter led an assembly about Advent and then we lit the first purple candle on our Advent wreath. We also began our own Advent Calendar in the hall. This year the theme is The Christmas Story. We have 20 fabulous pictures to see us through to the end of the term and they will be revealed each day at assembly time. I see that lots of beautiful tree decorations are being brought in for our competition. I can't wait – we will have the most stunning tree in Flackwell Heath if not the whole of Bucks!



Our Fun Tables Game

In an effort to improve our times tables, we are all playing a brilliant tables game. If you would like to know more, or indeed have a game card at home to do extra practice, please see your child's teacher. Every little helps.

E-Safety Reminder

There have been a number of unpleasant incidents involving social media and our children. These happen outside of the school day, however, the repercussions are often brought into school for staff to solve. Please note the age limits on the following:

Facebook – legal age from 13

Snap chat – legal age from 13

Instagram – legal age from 13

YouTube – legal age from 13 with permission only

Twitter – legal age from 11

Remember if you are alarmed by anything please contact the police.

Buggies, Prams and Assemblies

Please note that due to health and safety reasons, we are unable to allow the above into the hall as space is very restricted once the children are in. All buggies and the like must be left in reception. Thank you for your support.

Sainsbury's PE/Cooking Equipment

At long last our fabulous order has arrived. We are currently sorting it out and will be adding it to our outdoor equipment store. As we had lots and lots of vouchers, we have an abundance of equipment to sort out. Thanks to everyone who brought the vouchers in!



Sainsbury's
Active Kids 2017
Eat well • Move well • Live well

The Rotary Club and Crocuses

Mike Ware and Pudsey Bear left us with lots of crocuses to plant in remembrance of eradicating polio across the world. Thanks to Mrs Webb and the Premium Club who have been planting them into our window boxes. We look forward to a beautiful display in the spring.

Hearing your Child/Children Read

We have a large number of children who are not being heard read at home. Reading is the key skill to all learning and just hearing your child read for 5 minutes a day can make such a difference. Please please try to hear your child read at least 3 times a week. Those of you who do, thank you.



Hot Meals

A reminder that you need to order a hot lunch for your child before 9.30 am each day.
Ordering can be done in advance weekly, monthly or even termly.



Bad Weather Procedures

For future information, we would like to draw your attention to the procedures should inclement weather (eg heavy snow) force us to close the school during the winter months. All school closures are notified on Bucks Country Council website www.buckscc.gov.uk on the A-Z for School Closures page. Please check this site for up-to-date information. We will also endeavour to email all parents informing them of school closures and a message will be posted on our website.



School Car Park

Please do not drive onto the school premises when dropping off your child/children for early morning clubs and picking up from after-school clubs. Not only is this dangerous for other children arriving/leaving school but car parking spaces are limited and are for **staff use only**. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Wanted!

We are looking for donations of the following:

- ❖ Packs of playing cards such as the ones you find in a Christmas cracker
- ❖ Any number/ maths games
- ❖ 20 A4 picture frames

Hot Meals

A quick reminder that as of January, any hot dinners that are ordered and not taken will be charged.

Thank you!

From your kind donations, we raised £163.82 for Children In Need and £155.00 for Young Minds. Thank you for your support!

Guitar

Mrs Sheddick, Chair of Governors, has donated a guitar. If there is a child that would benefit from it, please let us know.

... and finally we would like to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and happy N

From Mrs M and all the Staff



Dates for the Diary



Tuesday 5 December	Book Look @ 3.30 – 4.00pm
Wednesday 6 December	Book Look @ 8.15 – 8.40am
Tuesday 12 December	Y3 Nativity @ 2.00 pm
Wednesday 13 December	Y6 Carol Service at Christ Church @ 2.00pm
Thursday 14 December	School Christmas Dinner (book now to avoid disappointment) Y3 Nativity @ 6.00pm
Tuesday 19 December	Wear a Christmas Jumper Day for £1 donation School ends at 1.00pm
Thursday 4 January 2018	School starts at 8.40pm

