

# QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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We are now entering the busy run up to Christmas and the school is a hive of activity. It is lovely to see the nativity rehearsals taking place and hear Christmas songs being enjoyed by all as the children practice for carol concerts. We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas celebrations.



## **Reminder - KS2 Carol Service**

You should have received the letter regarding the Y5/6 Carol service. The reply slip is due back by **Monday 11 December**.

## **Y3/4 Carols by Candlelight**

We look forward to seeing Year 3/4 children and parents at our evening carol service on **Tuesday 12 December**. **Please can all children wear their school uniform.** Thank you.

## **KS1 and FS2 Nativity performances.**

Fortunately we have spare tickets for both the FS2 and KS1 nativities, if you would like extra tickets speak to the school office as soon as possible so you don't miss out. All tickets will be coming home tomorrow.



## **Sing Start**

Don't miss out on the opportunity to get all festive and join us for a Christmas sing along on **Thursday 14 at 8:30am** in the studio. This is great fun and we love seeing parents and children participating with enthusiasm in all the songs and the actions! Hope to see you there!

## **Friends Christmas Disco and shopping event**

If you haven't already purchased your child's tickets for tonight's disco, it's not too late as children are welcome to pay on the door. Whilst your children dance away the night, please spend time at the Friend's shopping event in the studio, a great time to purchase some exciting Christmas gifts.



## **Christmas Fayre Friend's Xmas Fayre 3.00pm-4.30pm**

Come and join us on **Friday 15 December** after school at our popular Christmas Fayre. The Friends have been working hard to organise this event and it looks to be fantastic. Don't

miss out on meeting Santa, winning on the chocolate tombola and much more.



## **Christmas Dinner/Jumpers**

Just a reminder that the Christmas dinner date is **Thursday 14 December** and you should have received dinner request slips already. These were due back on **Monday 4 December** so if you have not already done so please return them as soon as possible. This is very important as it allows the kitchen to cater for the correct number of children.

As previously mentioned **All FS2 and KS1** children will be down to have a **Christmas Dinner**. If your child **does not** want a Christmas dinner on this day please could you let the school office know.

Also, don't forget to come to school wearing your Christmas jumper!



## **Christmas cards**

The children will only have an opportunity to post cards

on **Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December of the last week of term.**

There will be a post box outside of each classroom in the central corridor area and the FS2 will have the large wooden Christmas post box.

### **Y3/4 Christmas Cross Country**

Congratulations to all our energetic cross country runners who participated in the Christmas one mile run last Friday at Hardenhuish School. The event was a real success and all the children did really well and should feel very proud of their achievements.

*"It was really cool because we got to run a long distance and I really liked that we got hot chocolate and marshmallows".* Ava Smith

*"I liked it when we ran and people were dressed up with Christmas hats and tinsel, the hot chocolate and marshmallows were great!"* Theo Hawkins-Wyatt

### **Pickwick Academy Trust School Council meeting**

Our first Pickwick Academy trust meeting was held on Tuesday 28 November at Queen's Crescent School.

*"I thought it was amazing because I managed to make a new friend from Aloeric"* Daryl Missen

*"It was enjoyable – the visitors definitely know their way around our school now. It was adventurous and I liked being responsible for our visitors!"* Lucy Anthony

### **Whale and Dolphin talks**

The Y2 children were very lucky to have visitors from the Whale and Dolphin Society, based in Chippenham. During their talk they identified the differences between Whales and fish. They talked about habitats and the threat of litter to their environment.

*"I learnt that the whale is the biggest animal but eats the smallest creatures".* Sidnee Jennings

*"My favourite part was when we used a long rope to show how long a whale is".* Stanley Armstrong



### **Parking in car park**

Please can I remind you about the importance of being respectful of other people's cars in the visitor's part of the school car park. Unfortunately one of the children's grandparents came in to say that she was parked in a proper bay in the car park but after she had left the school she noticed that she had some considerable damage to one of her wheel arches. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Teacher Led clubs**

The last day for teacher led clubs is **Tuesday 12 December**. There will be no clubs in Term 3 apart from Football, Netball and Biscuit Club.

### **Gritting in and around the school**

With the weather becoming colder please can we draw your attention to our Winter

Gritting Policy which is available on the school website (Parent information/policies). There is also a map which shows the areas of the school that will be gritted in the event of icy conditions.



### **Bikeability Achievements**

Congratulation to the following children who all passed their bikeability award this term.

Evie Bean, Calan Gilmour, Freddie Harding, Adam Lancaster, Anabelle Lightfoot-Klocek, Lucy Paterson, Robyn-Jane Rigby, Jalen Scott, Shaya Scott and Macey Smith.

These are important skills to acquire and we are all very proud of their achievements.

### **RE Ambassadors**

Congratulations to the following children who been elected RE Ambassadors, they are very excited about their new roles.

#### **Haydock**

Charlie Hiscox / Alice Phillips

#### **Newbury**

Archie Tye / Iyla Lindsey

#### **Goodwood**

Austin Major / Connie Griffin

#### **Newmarket**

William Selman / Ruby Blackburn

#### **Catterick**

Alex Harvey / Eva Donald

#### **Chepstow**

Noah Harding / Lia Fern

#### **Epsom**

Oliver Kitto / Faye Lindsey

#### **Aintree**

Teejan Sowe / Freya Tiddy

### Ascot

Matthew Baxter / Isabel Holley

### Exeter

Riley Atkin / Amber Griffin

### Y3/4 Greek Dress Up Day

As part of their Greek topic the Y3/4 children will be having a Greek banquet on **Thursday 7 December**.

As you are already aware the teachers would love the children to come dressed up as Greeks for this occasion. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like help with this.

### Swimming

The last swimming session for **Epsom** class will be **Friday 15 December**.

**Chepstow** class will start their swimming sessions on **Friday 5 January 2018**.

Information will come out to Chepstow class directly.

### Queen's Crescent Crossings

Mrs O'Regan has been working with Ashley O'Neill (Councillor for Chippenham Queens and Sheldon) in regard to canvassing for zebra crossings in the Queen's Crescent area. There is going to be a meeting of the Chippenham Town Council Planning, Environment and Transport committee on **Thursday 4 January at the Town Hall (7pm)** which is open for anyone to attend.

It has also been suggested that a petition may help this cause.

If you would like to sign this it will be on a table outside the school office at the beginning and the end of the day.

### New Menu as from 1 January 2018

There will be new menu choices from January, copies of the new menu will be coming home by the end of the week. Could we please point out that even though jacket potato is advertised every Wednesday this **will not** be available only the roast and vegetarian options.



### KS2 Dinner money/School Dinners

Dinner money for Term 3 remains at **£2.10** per day, **£10.50** per week and **£56.70** for those who wish to pay for the whole of Term 1. Cheques payable to "Chartwells". Please can we remind you that dinner money should be sent in with **your child** in advance to be placed in the special plastic wallet in their classrooms. Money should be in a sealed envelope, with their name and class clearly marked on it. Please try to avoid bringing this in to the school office, if you require change please mark this on the envelope or the additional money will be carried forward to the following day or week.

Could we also remind you that a debt should not build up and payment before the end of each week is expected.

### Absence Information

All families should have received a pack of information regarding authorised/unauthorised absence. Please be aware of this information when

requesting a term time absence.



### Lost Property

Lost property will be outside under the mosaics for the remainder of the term, anything not collect by **Wednesday 20 December** will be disposed of.



### Birthday Books

We are always very grateful to receive a book to celebrate a child's birthday rather than them bringing in sweets/cakes. A book lasts much longer and with children in school having various allergies it is a safer option. We hope you can support us with this.

Thank-you to the following children that have contributed birthday books to the school, they are much appreciated.

Liam Nel – **We're Going on a Bear Hunt**



### Golden Book

The following children have been entered into the Golden Book as they have been spotted around the school demonstrating excellent behaviour and manners:

Florence Watts, Sidnee Jennings, Tobias Reynolds, Amelie Fairbairn, Dominic Patrick, Daniel Greenland, Jacob Trowbridge, Darwin Horton, Lily Currie, Nathan

Gillespie, Evelyn Berry,  
Liam Nel, Thomas Wall,  
Archie Tye and Alexander  
Sivewright.

Congratulations to all these  
children.

Mrs J Hawkins  
Headteacher

### **Changes of Dinner Menu**

Wednesday 13 December

Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce and Rice

Veggie Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce and Rice

OR

Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings.

Thursday 14 December

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20 December

Cheese and Ham Pizza

Cheese and Tomato Pizza

OR

Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings

Thursday 4 January 2018

Chicken Pizza

Cheese Pizza

No Jacket Potatoes

## **NON UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER**

On this day the children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a donation for the Friend's Christmas Fayre of:



**KS2 – a bottle**

**KS1 – chocolate**

**FS2 – something 'Christmassy'!**

We have been made aware of 2 more charities that we would like to collect donations for:

**Lunch Bowl Network - Santa Sack Challenge –**  
(through Anna Kate our French tutor)  
Donations required: **children's underwear.**



**Great Western Hospital - Winter Shoebox appeal for the elderly.**

Donations required: **Hats and gloves, soap and flannel, pens and writing paper, crosswords/ wordsearch/ puzzle books**

**We do not expect you to provide extra donations but if you would like to send in any of these items for any of the causes they would be gratefully received.**

**Thank you for your continued support, it really is appreciated.**

## **Celebrating out of School Achievements**

### **Congratulations to:**

**Calan Gilmour** – for being awarded 6 Golf medals, 7 Swimming Medals and a Trophy for being “The Best in Class at Backstroke”

**Shaya Scott** – for being awarded a medal for being “The Most Powerful and Energy Dance”

**Lily Norman, Ruby Blackburn, Evan Watt, Devon Luke, Lucy Anthony, Katie Thompson, Ollie**

**Partner, Rafe Ryan and Joshua Thompson** – for all of their Swimming achievements

**Florence Houlihan and Freddie Salah** – for receiving their All Stars Cricket Medals

**Adam Lancaster** – for being named the Man of the Match in Football

**Evie Fletcher, Sophie Townson, Mia Murphy-Bell, Teo Caswell, Emily Clark, Iyla Lindsey and**

**Robyn Best** – for all of their Gymnastic achievements

**Lily Currie and Amy Middlebrough** – for earning all of their Brownie Badges

**Sofia Dipper** – for achieving her Yellow Belt Green Stripe in Tae Kwon Do

**Alexander Sivewright** – for being awarded Rugby Star of the Week

**Amelie Fairbairn** – for receiving her Cancer Research Badge, RNLI Badge and The Great Fire Trail Badge

**Iestyn Bevan** – for ‘Being an Amazing March Hare’ in the CYT production of ‘Alice in Wonderland’

### **DATES FOR TERM 2**

<b>Wednesday 6 December</b>	-	<b>Friends Christmas Disco and Christmas Shopping Event</b>
<b>Thursday 7 December</b>	-	<b>Y3/4 Greek Banquet and dress up day</b>
<b>Friday 8 December</b>	-	<b>Non Uniform Day – Donations</b>
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	-	<b>FS2 Nativity – 9.30am</b>
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	-	<b>KS1 Nativity – 1.45pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	-	<b>Y3/4 Carols by Candlelight – 6pm – Ladyfield Church</b>
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>	-	<b>KS1 Nativity – 9.30am</b>
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>	-	<b>KS2 Trial Zumba session – booked places only 3.00-4.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	-	<b>Singstart 8.30am - Studio</b>
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	-	<b>Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	-	<b>Friends Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>Monday 18 December</b>	-	<b>Y5/6 Carol Service – Ladyfield Church – 1.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>	-	<b>Class Attendance and Excellent Learners Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>	-	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>

### **DATES FOR TERM 3**

<b>Thursday 4 January 2018</b>	-	<b>First Day of Term 3 – Everybody in school</b>
<b>Tuesday 9 January</b>	-	<b>Y1 Road Safety Talks and Walks</b>
<b>Monday 15 January</b>	-	<b>Bike It Breakfast – more information to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 January</b>	-	<b>Y3 Road Safety Walks</b>
<b>Wednesday 17 January</b>	-	<b>Y3 Road Safety Walks</b>
<b>Thursday 25 January</b>	-	<b>Y5 Hardenhuish Visit</b>
<b>Monday 29 January</b>	-	<b>Grandparents Lunch – More information to follow</b>
<b>Monday 5 February</b>	-	<b>Grandparents Lunch – More information to follow</b>
<b>Monday 5 February</b>	-	<b>Y2 Cake Sale</b>
<b>Monday 5 February</b>	-	<b>Dance Festival – More information to follow</b>
<b>Friday 9 February</b>	-	<b>Reports Out</b>
<b>Friday 9 February</b>	-	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>