



Do Everything with Love
(1 Corinthians 16:14)

December Newsletter 2019



A note from Mrs Christopher

We have just one full week left until Christmas. The children are certainly looking forward to the festivities and the Christmas break. On this last week, we have a Nativity play being performed by KS1 and a Carol service by KS2 children, both of which will help us all reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We hope you are able to come and see at least one of these. The week will rush past in a flash for everyone so I'd like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. The last day of term is a 1:30pm finish for children. This allows teachers and TAs to have quality time to discuss your child's progress and to plan the next steps in their learning. I'd also like to share a Christmas poem which our poetry club will be performing next week in Golden assembly.

Mrs Christopher

"Ring Out, Wild Bells" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die...

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

STAFFING NEWS

Our Year 5 teacher, Mrs Rose, will be leaving us in February 2020 to start a new career in children's mental health and well being. We will be very sad to see her go but wish her well in this new role.

We are currently making arrangements for the replacement Y5 teacher and will inform you of these decisions when we return in January.

Dates for your diary



KS1 Nativity Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December 2pm in school hall

KS2 Carol Service in Church Thursday 19th December 6:15pm

Last day of term Friday 20th December 1:30pm finish

Children return to school after Christmas Tuesday 7th January

Whole School Mass Wednesday 15th January 9:15 am

Phonics workshop for EYFS & Year 1 Parents Thursday 16th January 2020

The 'High 5' Reading Challenge Update

I'm delighted to announce that lots of children are now receiving their 75 reading signature certificates. Children who receive 75 signatures before the end of this term are receiving an award.

For those children in Years 5 & 6 who have kindles are welcome to bring these into school for reading in January. Please ensure the kindles are named.

ECO WARRIORS BLOG:



We continue to make the children and staff aware of how we can do our part to help the planet.

Remember to ask people to use paper cups instead of plastic ones.

Remember that tap water is just as good as bottled water.

Thank you,

Isobelle, Ave, Keira, Lioba, Oscar, Lydia, Maisie- belle, Ted, Ria, Leon, Poppy



'NUT FREE SCHOOL' REMINDER

Please remember we have children with nut allergies, therefore do not allow any foods containing nuts in your child's school lunch.



Attendance

Last half term, we rewarded the super healthy 100% attendees with superhero wristbands and certificates. They gave tips on how to keep healthy so you don't miss school. These were:

1. Go to bed on time and get enough sleep 2. Eat healthily 3. Drink lots of water.

Next week, we will be having our attendance raffle. Any child who has had a full week this term will have put a raffle ticket in the school raffle box for each week. Ten will be picked out to receive a prize. This is an incentive to encourage all children to attend school daily if they can but we do also recognise how some can be too ill to attend on certain occasions. Those with a total 100% attendance for the whole term will also receive a certificate.

100%

PTFA News



The total amount raised for movie night was £440 and the Christmas Fair raised £1,620.

What a huge success- thank you to all of you who came. This money will fund the coaching cost for each class to attend school trips.

Pick up Arrangements

Please remember to phone the school office about any changes to normal pick up arrangements. This information is crucial for the safety of all children and unless this has been done, the child will need to stay with staff until the parents arrive.

Promoting good routines and Independence in KS1



Year 1 and Year 2 children are used to their morning routines now after one whole term. Please can we ask that you continue to encourage them to be independent in the mornings – organising their own coats, book bags and lunches and going into class themselves. This will help the day get off to a punctual and positive start. If there are any 'need to know' details, please inform the member of staff on the door who will in turn inform the relevant teacher.