

Autumn Term Week 14

20th December
2017

NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everybody who has supported our Christmas events over the past week! It has been wonderful to see the children taking such pleasure and delight in preparing for Christmas, particularly through singing and acting out the story of the birth of Jesus that we are celebrating. Furthermore, we have managed to raise £177 towards replacing the swing, through the selling of raffle tickets and Christmas goodies. Look out for some more events to continue fundraising, organised by both the PTA and the School Council, in the New Year. We are having an AGM for the PTA on Friday January 19th 2018. Please come along and get involved!

On a sadder note, unfortunately Mrs Gordon will not be fit to return to work at the start of next term. Miss Pittas will continue teaching in Kilminorth, for at least the first five weeks of the new term. We will also welcome back Miss Carroll and Mr Childs who will continue their training with us.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and school staff who have worked so hard to make all the events happen: from rehearsing the Nativity, Christingle and World War Two assembly, to making teas and coffees, providing party food, and putting together reindeer hot-chocolate sachets! I'm sure we can look forward to many more successful events in future.

Best wishes to everybody for a very enjoyable Christmas and a restful holiday!

Sarah Hawker, Head of School



Please look out for a letter in the post which will contain information regarding our conversion to an Academy within the Bridge Multi-Academy Trust. There will be a meeting about this at school on Wednesday January 10th 2018 at 3pm. If you would like to find out more about the Bridge Schools, please look on their website:

<https://www.bridgeschools.co.uk/>

DIARY DATES

Thurs	Jan 4th	Back to school	
Weds	Jan 10th	Information meeting regarding Academy conversion and IEB.	3.00pm
Fri	Jan 19th	PTA Annual General Meeting. All Welcome!	3.30pm
Wed	Jan 31st	Bags 2 School	9am
Weds	Feb 21st	Class Photographs	9am

Inset days:

Mon 19th Feb, Mon 4th and Tues 5th June 2018

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who made, helped and donated to the Christmas raffle, refreshments and sales. We made £176.96. An excellent start to buying a new swing for the play park, so it can re-open.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the PTFA.





Public Health
England

To: All parents and staff

I am writing to let you know that a number of children have recently been absent with suspected norovirus, a common infection which causes symptoms of diarrhoea and vomiting.

I have taken advice from Public Health England and they have offered the following advice:

- Norovirus is generally a mild infection and people usually recover fully within 2-3 days. No specific treatment is needed, but it is important to keep hydrated by drinking fluids as tolerated.

- Norovirus is highly infectious and spreads easily from person to person, especially in close knit communities such as nurseries and childminders, therefore, we are asking for your help to prevent further illness within the school by following the advice in the checklist below:

- Staff and children who develop symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay away from nursery/childminder and other childcare settings until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours.

- Good hygiene is important to stop the spread of infection, especially hand washing, frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, particularly after using the toilet and before eating or handling food.

- Good hygiene in the home will also help prevent spread to other family members. If possible separate toilets and towels should be used. Toilets, including seats and handles, as well as door handles, wash basins and other frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected frequently.

- If symptoms do not resolve after 48 hours or if you are concerned please contact your GP by phone or contact the NHS non-emergency number 111.

We would like to thank you for your help with this.