

## School Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Headteacher News

This week the children in school took part in the “Big Vote”. The school hall was transformed into a polling station and the children had to attend and cast their vote.

Miss Milburn was the returning officer. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to gain a real life understanding of democracy.

We also held the final of our two open days for prospective parents, once again our Year 6 pupils acted as superb tour guides, really celebrating our school and the benefits for being a pupil here.

There is a second edition of the newsletter this week, it includes all the key information that parents will need to navigate the Christmas season in school. Please keep it safe and ensure that you read it.

Finally as we fast approach the end of the year it is important to remember what we are thankful for and all the great things that we as a school and you as a family have achieved.

### Internet Safety

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about ways they can keep their children safe online. With the increase of the number of children having access to their own mobile phones and digital technology, it is more important than ever to ensure that children know what to do to keep themselves safe when using the internet.



### Is your child due to start school September 2018?

This week we have received notification from Bucks CC that the numbers of parents applying for their school places for September 2018 is lower than they would expect it to be. If your child turns 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 then you need to apply for a school place.

You can do this by visiting the Bucks online portal.

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/apply-for-a-school-place>

### Year 2 Science Week

This week the children in year 2 received a message from a very special visitor!



This week has been one of the best I have ever had at school. Santa came to visit us, which was fantastic. Mrs Gandini and Mrs Payne had sent him a bauble but it had broken in the post because they did not use the right materials to pack it. Our job was to find the right material so we can send a bauble to Santa and he can put it on his Christmas tree. We have done a test and posted the baubles to ourselves at school to check the material we used will keep the bauble safe. If the baubles come back to school safely, we know that we can send them to Santa. Hopefully it will work!

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### KS2 Football Club

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Football club has now finished for this term, due to the fading light. It will resume in the Spring Term and we will advise of the date once this has been agreed.

### Absence

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If your child is not well or absent for another reason, it is vital that you inform us as soon as possible. Please either email the office or leave a message clearly stating the name of your child, their class and the reason they are absent. We are required to check attendance by law, so if children are absent and we have not been informed of this we will send you a text message, followed by another if you have not replied. If they are still absent then we may have to raise concerns for their welfare. A message can be left on the absence line or an email can be sent, please do not give messages to siblings to pass on – the school needs to be informed by a parent or guardian.

### Gymnastics

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Well done to Micah Lewis, in Year 5, who has qualified for the Regional Finals in Gymnastics, a fantastic achievement.

### Charitable Giving – Children in Need

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Mrs Elder took all of your donations from our Children in Need day last week to the bank and we are delighted to announce that as a school we raised £542.00. This is a fantastic achievement and thank you very much for your support.

### Rotary Boxes

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Yesterday the Rotary came to collect the Christmas boxes, we managed to collect over 160 boxes and this will make a significant difference to the families that

receive them on Christmas day. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated a box.

### Parking

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Unfortunately it is necessary to remind parents that they should not be parking on the verges outside the front of the school or in the front carpark. The front carpark is used for staff and visitor parking only and should not be used for pick up or drop off at breakfast and afterschool club. There have been a number of occasions over the past few weeks where staff members have wanted to go home or leave for a meeting and they have been blocked in. Please do not do this; it is inconsiderate and potentially very dangerous.

### Pre-School News

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'The Pre-school children had a wonderful time on their Teddy bears' Picnic last Friday morning. The children loved decorating their picnic bags and had such a fun time making their very own cheese and jam sandwiches which they then cut in to a very special shape indeed, you guessed it... A teddy bear shape! We then ventured on to the field as the November sun shone with our yummy picnic bags and set out our blankets. The children then warmed up with a cup of delicious hot chocolate and enjoyed waving to the many aeroplanes passing across the blue sky as they ate their sandwiches! The children had such a special time-sharing this experience with their new Pre-school friends and special teddy bears too. Well done for all being so grown up Pre-school, Miss Eddy and Miss Meek were very proud of you all!'



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### Easy fundraising for school

Easy fundraising – it's easy and it's FREE, helping our school raise money every time we shop online, use it for everyday online shopping, look for fab bargains on Black Friday, 24 November and remember to use it while doing your Xmas shopping



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is the UK's leading good cause shopping site. It's a great way for PTAs to raise valuable money when their supporters shop online with over 2,700 retailers, such as Amazon, M&S and John Lewis. It's completely free to use and there really is no catch. PTA UK members can register for FREE at [pta.uk.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://pta.uk.easyfundraising.org.uk)

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING COULD WIN YOUR PTA AN  
EXTRA £1,000! (*only 39 days until Christmas*)

November is the busiest month of the year for online shopping, with Christmas shopping under way and Black Friday (on 24 November) is a great time to make the most of Easyfundraising! It's easy – parents, family and staff can all collect FREE donations for your school as they shop online. Now we're challenging you to raise as much as possible over the next two months. The PTA that raises the most with Easyfundraising between now and December 15th will win a £1,000 bonus donation, courtesy of Viking! In addition, five extra spot prizes of £50 will be awarded for best newcomer, recruiter, supporter, spender and Viking shopper.

<http://pta-updates.org.uk/14X9-58T11-34JS8C3934/cr.aspx>

### Lost Property

We have lots of lost property in only a few short weeks. We are trying to return named items to their owners! If you have items missing then please check the lost property box under the shelter.

### Attendance

Our overall school attendance to the end of this week is 95.93%

Well done to our attendance champions this week - 6CQ with attendance of 99.6%!

### House Points

Many congratulations to Tudor house for earning the highest amount of house point this week.

Tudor	York	Windsor	Stuart
248	226	245	244

### Our school values

This in collective worship we have thinking about Respect. Mrs Garner spoke to the pupils about how we might recognise Respect and examples of where we have seen it. Children were challenged to try to tell their teachers of a time when they have shown respect either at school or at home and we have had some super examples of this.

### PTA News

#### Helpers Needed

We are making wreaths and hampers next week. We would really appreciate some extra helping hands. Don't worry if you're not creative, there is plenty of other stuff to do. Please join us from 9.00 am in the small hall for some festive fun on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please remember to sign in.

'Christmas Fayre Entrance Guide Colouring competition' deadline is Monday 27th November. Please hand in your design to your teacher and the winner will be announced on Wednesday 29th.

Please keep your raffle tickets coming in. We have some super prizes this year and remember... 'you've got to be in it to win it!' Extra raffle tickets can be picked up from the office.

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The inter-class competition is heating up, so make your tickets count. The winner will be announced in collective workshop on Friday 1st December. All tickets must be returned to school no later than Thursday 30th November.

Our final MUFTI is next Friday 1st December - Cakes and Fill a Jar. Other donations for Hampers or the Tombola can be brought into school at any time and left in reception for us to collect.

Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity.

### Attachments

Christmas Special Newsletter – all Years  
 Christingle letter - EYFS

**Future Dates all new dates are shown in RED**

### December

2<sup>nd</sup> PTA Christmas Fayre  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Participate in the All age service at St Michaels  
 12<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity (Afternoon)  
 13<sup>th</sup> KS2 Music Concert  
 14<sup>th</sup> Early Years Nativity (Morning)  
 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day  
 14<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity 6:30pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> Early Years Nativity (Afternoon)  
 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Church Service  
 18<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 1 and Early Years Christingle  
 19<sup>th</sup> End of Term 1:30pm

### January

3<sup>rd</sup> Inset Day  
 30<sup>th</sup> Year R Interschool – Winter Olympics

### February

12<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM  
 21<sup>st</sup> Year 3-6 Interschool Cross Country

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day Dress Up  
 6<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Interschool Football  
 12<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 3:30- 5:30  
 14<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 5:00 – 8:00  
 16<sup>th</sup> School Disco  
 19<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Isle of Wight  
 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Church Service KS2  
 29<sup>th</sup> End of term 1:30pm

### April

6<sup>th</sup> Inset Day  
 25<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Interschool – Tennis  
 30<sup>th</sup> Class Photos

### May

23<sup>rd</sup> Year 2 Interschool – Games  
 28<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM

### June

27<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Interschool – Games  
 29<sup>th</sup> School Disco

### July

3<sup>rd</sup> Secondary Transfer Day / Move up day  
 5<sup>th</sup> Bucks School Games  
 6<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY  
 9<sup>th</sup> Sports Day KS2 AM / KS1 PM Picnic Lunch for all  
 11<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day  
 13<sup>th</sup> Reports out to parents  
 24<sup>th</sup> July End of Term 1:30pm