

School Newsletter

17th November 2017

Headteacher News

This week the children took part in our Remembrance Service; our Year 6 children led a Collective Worship to explain why this is important followed by a short time for reflection. Squadron Leader John Tallack joined us led a lying of a wreath in the hall. Thank you to John for giving his time. The Year 6 children read beautifully and it was a lovely service.

Thank you so much to year 6 children who gave up their lunchtimes to sell the poppies, we sold out and collected lots of money for the Royal British Legion.

Our new arrangements for homework began this week and we have had positive feedback about this at our Parent Forums on Monday. We do welcome your feedback and believe that the new arrangements reflect the views of Parents who attended the workshop earlier this term.

Digital Leaders

This week our Digital Leaders have been working with Miss O’Gorman to compile a list of areas they would like to improve over this academic year. They have shared their thoughts with the Senior Leadership Team and we will be meeting with them soon to discuss their ideas and put them into an action plan for this academic year.

Homework

Thank you so much to all the Parents who attended our Homework forum on Monday, it was useful to get your feedback. We have noted all the comments, which were very positive. We will review again in the spring Term.

Year 1 Multi-skills trip to Misbourne School

On Tuesday, Year 1 went on a multi-skills PE trip, which was run by the Year 9 children at the Misbourne School. We did lots of different activities, including hockey, curling, jumping like kangaroos, throwing bean bags in to hoops, and moving around on skateboards. We all got a certificate to take home with us to show our parents what a good afternoon it was.

Key Stage 1 and Reception Trip to the Cinema

In Years 1, 2 and reception we went to the cinema in High Wycombe to see Aladdin. It was such great fun. Our school took over nearly all of the seats!

The film was really good -my favourite character was the genie because he was so funny and did lots of silly voices!

Chloe 2NG

Charitable Giving – Children In Need

Today York House have been running their Charity event to raise money for Children in Need. The talent show this afternoon, watched by the whole school, was a fantastic event and we all really enjoyed the performances, which were varied but thoroughly entertaining. Well done to everyone who auditioned and took part, you were amazing!

Thank you to everyone who made and bought in cakes to sell. We will send an update with the amount raised next week.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week you may have seen coverage in the press about anti-bullying week. We pride ourselves on being a happy and safe school. We encourage our children to speak up against unkindness and treat each other with respect and love. Anti-bullying week is a good time to think about how we live out all our school values:

- Love – how we care for each other
- Courage – how we stand up for what is right
- Forgiveness – how we forgive those who wrong us
- Hope – how we hope for the future
- Respect – how we respect each other
- Truth – how we tell the truth even when it is hard to do so



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Flu Clinic

The School Nursing Team will be visiting school on Wednesday 22nd November to administer this year's Flu Vaccines.

If your child has asthma then please do let us know if they have had a recent attack or if they have been prescribed high dose steroids please contact the immunisation team at Amersham on the number below to discuss this. Parents will have received a separate communication relating to this if we have a record of their child being asthmatic.

Amersham and Wycombe area Schools

Rectory Meadow Surgery, School Lane, Old Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0HG

Telephone: 07810 815891 (Imms Team Admin)

Year 5 Bikeability

Bikeability sessions have now finished for this year. Year 4 children will be pleased to know that we have already booked sessions for next October!" We are delighted that all the children who wished to take part in Years 5 and 6 were able to do so. Many children have reported how much they have enjoyed the course and we hope they will be safer cyclists now. Many thanks to Karen and Dave from Spokes who did a wonderful job, they were cheerful throughout, despite the cold and rain.

Parking

We have been asked by a local resident to remind parents about parking respectfully. Parents should not be parking on the grass on the left as you go down Cryers Hill. Cars that are parking there are not only blocking the pavement and making it difficult for pedestrians to walk on the pavement; they are also churning up the grass and making it very muddy. Please think carefully about where you park and be respectful of our neighbours.

PTA News

FRIDAY DONATION MUFTI DAYS

24th -Nov Kids tombola items

1st -Dec Cakes & 'Sweets in a Jar'

We will ALWAYS take in donations of teddies and soft toys for rehoming on the Teddy Tombola, empty baskets and gifting boxes for hamper making, ANY working fairy lights, decorations, and more tombola items. Please bring your items on Fridays or leave your items in the crate under the front desk in main reception.

SECRET SANTA This year we are running a Secret Santa stall for the children to buy you a small present, and have help wrapping and labelling it. If you have any items that you would like to donate, like books, costume jewellery, festive socks, ties, 'dad' presents especially, please bring in on any Friday or leave in main reception.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & WREATH MAKING Next Thursday evening (23rd) from 18:30 til 21:00 we are having an evening making crafts to sell at the Fayre. If you can sew, glue gun, label or wrap, then please come along for some festive fun, mince pies, mulled wine and an 80s playlist of Christmas classics. We have a number of projects so there will be something for everyone.

Wreaths: This year we have the small hall booked for three whole days, with the prep starting on Tuesday 28th November from 9am. If you would like to join our wreath prep and making days, please sign up under the shelter. Nb! No prep = no wreaths. **WE NEED YOU!** If you have any foliage e.g. ivy, berried holly, berries or mistletoe we could have please let us know as we always run short on these greeneries.

Stall sign-up sheets are under the shelter. We ask you for just 30 minutes of your time this term. Unfortunately, if there are not enough volunteers your class stall cannot run. Family members are always welcome to operate a stall, not just parents.

Thank you for your continued support!

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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



easyfundraising .org.uk **easyfundraising** easyfundraising.org.uk
 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

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! Plus, 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 96.65%
 Well done to our attendance champions this week - 3LH with 99.4% attendance!

House Points

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

Tudor	York	Windsor	Stuart
385	412	367	309

Community News

Reverend Keith Johnson has asked us to share the leaflet below with you.



Future Dates all new dates are shown in RED

21st Reception intake 2018 Open Morning 1:30

23rd Rotary Boxes to be returned

December

2nd PTA Christmas Fayre

3rd Participate in the All age service at St Michaels

11th KS1 Nativity (**Grandparents and Toddlers**) 2pm

12th KS1 Nativity (Afternoon)

13th **Early Years Nativity (Grandparents and Toddlers)**

2.15pm

13th KS2 Music Concert

14th Early Years Nativity (Morning)

14th Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

14th KS1 Nativity 6:30pm

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15th Early Years Nativity (Afternoon)
18th Christmas Church Service
18th Key Stage 1 and Early Years Christingle
19th End of Term 1:30pm

January

3rd Inset Day
30th Year R Interschool – Winter Olympics

February

12th HALF TERM
21st Year 3-6 Interschool Cross Country

March

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

April

6th Inset Day
25th Year 3 Interschool – Tennis
30th Class Photos

May

23rd Year 2 Interschool – Games
28th – HALF TERM

June

27th Year 6 Interschool – Games
29th School Disco

July

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

Lost Property

Please see attached photo for lost property
Items kept in the office

Attachments

1. KS1 Choir Christmas Fayre Letter
2. Photo of lost property