



Miss Shaw's Newsletter

Dear children and families,

So, the Christmas festivities start! Today has been filled with Christmas music, glue and more glitter than I thought it was humanly possible to have. I will take some photos early next week to show the amazing decorations which will be lining our corridors by the time we all leave for home tonight.

We have lots of wonderful things planned for December.

- Next week (W/c 30th November) we will be recording our Christmas Play ready to be published by the last week of the term. The whole school are involved in this and it replaces our usual Nativity and Carol Concerts.
- During the week starting the 14th December:

Monday 14 th December	Live (online) Pantomime from The Castle School in Cambridge. This is a professional company working with The Castle to put on a Panto. We can't wait to see what they have been up to!
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas lunch for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Gosling, Duckling, Wren, Ostrich and Flamingo Classes). <u>You MUST book this vis SIMSPay, even if your child normally has a school lunch. The only school lunch option for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is a school packed lunch and again this MUST be booked in advance by Wednesday 2nd December.</u> Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper to school.
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas lunch for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Kiwi, Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Eagle and Kestrel Classes). <u>You MUST book this vis SIMSPay, even if your child normally has a school lunch. The only school lunch option for children in Years R, 1 and 2 is a school packed lunch and again this MUST be booked in advance by Wednesday 2nd December.</u> Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper to school.
Friday 18 th December	School finishes at: 2.00pm for Reception and Y1 2.10 for Years 2 and 3 2.15 for Years 4, 5 and 6. As we usually do at the end of the day, you can collect all your children at the same time. The Orchard will close at 4.15pm
Classes to choose time/date	We have a second, pre recorded panto bought for the children to watch. We bought this prior to The Castle advertising theirs and we wanted to support a local school.

A quick reminder about Christmas cards:

Can the children bring in Christmas Cards to hand out? Yes – we will have our post box up at the start of December. Cards can be brought in from Monday 7th December until Friday 11th December. The post box will then be put in quarantine for the weekend and Y5/6 will deliver the cards the following week. Please make sure that the name and class of the child that the card is for is on the front of the envelope or we will not be able to deliver them.

Finally, I would like to set a small competition for the children! I would like them to make a Christmas hat to wear on the day that they are having their Christmas lunch. There will be a prize for the most inventive hat in each class!

Stay safe,

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Thank you to everyone who dressed up for Children in Need on Friday 13th November. We enjoyed seeing all the children in their spots and Pudsey outfits! The children also had great fun taking part in Joe Wicks' PE challenge – well done to any of you who joined in at home!

The total raised via the school JustGiving page was £186. A big thank you to everyone who contributed and also thank you to Miss Gibson for her hard work in organising this event.

CHRISTMAS PHOTO FRAMES



The PTFA often support activities in school, and funds additional events that the school budget cannot stretch to - such as paying for the children to watch the Christmas pantomime. To ensure that we can continue to offer support, we need to fundraise. As you can imagine, this is very challenging at the moment as the events we can hold are quite limited, so we need your help more than ever. In the next week, children will each be decorating a small photo frame in their classes, which they are then able to bring home and gift as a Christmas present.

We will be asking for a voluntary donation of £1.50, to cover the costs of the frame and assist the PTFA with fundraising to support school with future events. Frames will be sent home with children on Friday 4th December and all children will bring their frame home. However, if you feel able to log into SIMSPay and make a donation, we would be very grateful.

The PTFA are also always keen to have new members and volunteers. If you would be interested in getting involved, or would like to find out more, please email goldfinches@grove.cambs.sch.uk.






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Attendance



The children have voted this week for the name they would like for the Grove owl – results will be announced soon!

Class Name	% attendance from Monday 16th November to Friday 20 th November 2020.
The Aviary	90%
Wren	95.6%
Gosling	92.3%
Ostrich	93.5%
Duckling	95.8%
Kiwi	94.1%
Flamingo	99.4% 
Kingfisher	91.2%
Woodpecker	98.1%
Kestrel	95.7%
Eagle	89.2%
Whole School	94.2%



Well done Flamingo Class!

HOUSE POINTS

The house captains have been busy adding up the total house points earned across the school this term. The totals earned so far are:

House	Total to date:
Trinity	413
Churchill	412
Darwin	366
Fitzwilliam	252

House points are currently awarded in Years 2-6, for doing good pieces of written work and following our school rules. Well done everyone for all your work so far – keep going, as the totals can still change a lot!



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Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:

Friday 20th November 2020

Kestrel Class: Nicole, Briyana

Eagle Class: Lacey, Jasmine

Kingfisher: Martha, Raaida

Woodpecker: Nico, Kyra

Kiwi: Alex, Sai

Ostrich: Dylan, Alisha

Flamingo: Rocco, Alishah

Wren: Lia, Ray

Gosling: Daniel, Yuan Yuan

Duckling: Enrikas, Gabriel

Aviary: Kye, Braden

Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:

Friday 27th November 2020

Kestrel Class: Mustafa, Louie

Eagle Class: Lee, Destiny

Kingfisher: Adria, Jordon

Woodpecker: Harry, Seren

Kiwi: Lexi, Crystal-Lee

Ostrich: Aiden, Charlie

Flamingo: Khadija, Jonathan

Wren: Nour, Khimarley

Gosling: Theo, Mustafa C

Duckling: Hamish, Hannah

Aviary: Harry, Kye