



Airwaves 14 December 2018



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another very busy week in school. The children have carried on with their learning, but we have also found time for the Reception/Key Stage 1 Christmas party and a visit from Santa. Next week is full of festive fun with a visit to St Peter's Church, Christmas dinner, Key Stage 2 Talent Show and our own Carol Service to end the term on Wednesday.

Christmas Dinner

Next Tuesday is our whole school Christmas Dinner, which is a wonderful celebration when we all eat together, children and staff, and then enjoy house play afterwards. The children may wear festive top or Christmas jumper on Tuesday if they would like to as well as their usual school uniform.

Carol Service

On Wednesday, we have a Carol Service in the hall at 2.00 pm, to which you are all invited if you are able to join us. The DX Club and Preschool are going to be providing teas and mince pies in the foyer afterwards, and then afternoon school will finish at the normal times

OFSTED Report

This week I have been sent the draft report to check for factual accuracy. I am still hoping to receive the final report before the end of term so that it can be shared with you.

Hawks Newspaper

As part of their English learning, hawks class have produced a wonderful newspaper. It's so good, I wanted you all to see it! (attached)

Sing for Your School

Doves have been working very hard over the last month to write their own song about the 'wild open spaces' in and around our school as part of the Sing for Your School project. Over the weeks, they have chosen the spaces they want to focus on, written their lyrics to fit a backing track and made their own melodies. The song they have created will be uploaded to an online chart and which will launch on Monday 7th January 2019. Anyone can listen and vote for it and the chart will close on Friday 1st February 2019. More details of this will be released as soon as more

information is given to us. The finalists will be announced on Tuesday 19th February. The children have worked so hard on this and your votes really matter. The song with the most votes will take part in a final concert at the Cambridge Corn Exchange on Wednesday 13th March so do get voting when the chart goes live!

Spring term 2019

Next term, our whole school topic is titled Healthy me, healthy you, healthy us. This topic will focus on well-being, including science and PSHE. If you work in the medical field or science and would like to come in and share your knowledge, please get in touch with Mr Lloyd and Miss Nicholson via the office.

Thank you to FODs who are funding first aid awareness training for all children in school.

Maths Cafes

Many of you have commented how much the teaching of maths has changed since you were at school. Next term we will be holding year group maths information sessions - Maths Cafes- where we invite you into school to hear about maths teaching from the class teacher, followed by time in class working alongside the children, then a debrief with the teacher to answer any questions. The first of these sessions will be:

Yr2 - Wednesday 6 February

Yr6 - Wednesday 13 February

Times Tables Rock Stars

After a successful trial by our Year 6 pupils, we have recently subscribed to 'Times Tables Rock Stars,' a carefully sequenced online programme designed to support children rehearse and consolidate their times tables learning. Each child from Year 2 through to Year 6 has been allocated a personal login and will now have the opportunity to play both in school and from home. The programme can be accessed on computers, laptops and tablets by logging in to the following:

<https://ttrockstars.com/login>

Over the Christmas holidays, please spend some time exploring the programme and encouraging your child to play.

All the staff and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. School closes on Wednesday 19th December and reopens on Monday 7th January 2019.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze
Headteacher

Lunches for week beginning 17 December 2018 - note revised menu

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday			
Tuesday	Christmas Dinner		
Wednesday			

Christmas St John's Church, Duxford

Sunday 23rd December

4.00 pm - CHRISTINGLE

Come and light your way to Christmas

Christmas at St Peter's Church, Duxford

Sunday 16th December

6.30 pm - Carol Service

followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday 23rd December

4.00 pm - CHRISTINGLE

6.30 pm - Carol Service

Christmas Eve

4.00pm CHRISTINGLE

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.00 am Al2gether Christmas Celebration with Nativity and carols.

finish off with a glass of fizz!

A VERY WARM WELCOME AWAITS AT ALL THE ABOVE

Diary Dates

Thursday 13 December, 2.50 – 3.00pm	Buttercups Class – Snuggle with a book
Friday 14 December	KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 December	Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 18 December	Christmas dinner – remember to wear your Christmas jumper
Wednesday 19 December, 2.00pm	Carols in the Hall
Wednesday 19 December	Autumn term closes
Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January	Professional days – school closed to pupils
Monday 7 January	Spring term starts
Tuesday 8 January	Gym Club starts
Monday 14 January	Reception vision screening
Thursday 17 January	Dental survey
Friday 8 February	School disco
Wednesday 13 February	Yr6 Maths Cafe
Friday 15 February	Winter Sports day – in school event. Children just need a PE kit.
Monday 18 to Friday 24 February	Half-term
Monday 4 – Friday 8 March	Yr6 Bikeability
Friday 15 March	Comic relief, Word Book Day Celebration
Tuesday 2 April	Yr6 and Reception weighing and measuring
Friday 5 April	Spring term closes
Tuesday 23 April	Training Day
Wednesday 24 th April	Summer term starts
Monday 6 th May	May Day
Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Half-term
Monday 3 June	Training Day
Wednesday 24 July	Summer term closes