



Dear Parents and Carers,

ONE MORE WEEK OF TERM TO GO!

It has been a very long term and with one week to go in school, we are finally going to begin our Christmas countdown. There is a great deal happening this week with KS1 Christmas Productions, KS2 Carol Service and maybe a special visitor and celebrations at the end of the week.

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

AT 1.30PM

Please make certain all children are collected at this time.

Thank you!

WHAT IS HAPPENING NEXT WEEK??

Nursery News

It's going to be a really busy week in Nursery next week.

On Tuesday afternoon at 2.00 & Thursday morning at 10.00, will be performing our 'Christmas Freeze' dance during the lower school production we will look forward to seeing you all there!

We will be reading lots of Christmas books at story time and singing lots of Christmas songs.

We are decorating our party hats for our parties on Friday. We will be talking about repeating patterns & be doing a printed repeating pattern on our hats.

Friday is party day so wear your party clothes & we are hoping to have a very special visitor joining us!

News from Reception!

We have had a great week in Reception looking at the story of the Jolly Christmas Postman. Please ask your children to tell you their story! Next week we will be writing holiday cards and preparing for the nativity. Thanks to all the parents who have sent in outfits.

In Maths the children will be applying all the skills they have learnt this half term to solve some festive problems. This week children will be bringing home all the things they have been making this term so please be prepared!

Year 1

Next week is our Christmas Performance 'Born in a barn'. The children have worked very hard over the last few weeks to learn all the songs and practise their class dances. Just a reminder that year one parents can attend the performance on Thursday 21st December at 10am. Hope to see you there!

Year 2

This week has been very busy in year 2. We started the week with an escaped dragon and the children have written instructions on how to trap their mythical creatures! The children have been working really hard to learn their lines and practise their dances ready for the Christmas performance. They are excited for you to watch them next week. In maths, they have been gathering data about elves and presents and representing this in graphs.

Next week is extremely busy in school, please check the newsletter and Facebook page for the important dates and information you need. The children will be completing Christmas and winter activities and preparing for the end of term. We will be sending out a homework project for the children to complete over the

holidays, please support them to complete this and return on the first day back.

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have finished reading our class text *Esiotrot*, which the children have loved. We also have had a mystery visit from Santa who has left a note in the school playground. As journalists we have interviewed eyewitnesses and have started writing a newspaper article documenting the event. Next week in guided reading we will be watching the film *Esiotrot* (this is a PG if there are any concerns please speak to class teacher), in literacy we will be performing and recording our own news, and in maths we will be completing present wrapping challenges, where we will be learning about area and perimeter. The children have been practising Christmas Carols which they have thoroughly enjoyed and are looking forward to performing these to one another.

Year 4

Another busy week in Year 4. We have been working on hard on our performance skills in literacy where we have taken on the role of some iconic characters from *A Christmas Carol*.

In numeracy we have been practicing the skills that we have learnt throughout the year so far in some fun filled activities.

Next week we are in the final straight, we are so nearly there. Despite the children being tired from working so hard and understandably excited, they continue to produce some outstanding work and, as a year group, we are all so proud of them. This week will be the final piece of homework of 2017! Please keep up the hard work at home that you have shown so often this year.

Year 5

The children have been working hard on writing diary entries this week, imagining that they are slaves in Ancient Egypt and what life must have been like. We have also been studying graphs and interpreting data from line and bar graphs.

Year 5 have now finished learning about Ancient Egypt and have thoroughly enjoyed this topic. We are really impressed with the topic projects that have been brought in so far - please send in the rest of them next week.

Next week we will be focusing on Christmas activities, and our literacy and maths lessons will be 'Christmas themed'.

On Monday, please bring in any glass jars that you have been collecting and we plan to use them on Tuesday to make Christmas ornaments. Thank you.

Year 6

We have a busy week ahead of us in the run up to Christmas. We are looking forward to seeing the younger children's performance of the nativity and we have been practising carols for the church service on Wednesday. The 'bring and buy' sale is scheduled for Thursday at the end of the school day. We would be really grateful if your child could stay for a little longer to help sell the donations brought in and tidy up afterwards. I am sure a couple of accountants will be needed also. You can start to send in unwanted items for the sale. Please remember school finishes at 1.30pm on Friday. Lately, several children have had to wait quite a while to be collected at the end of the school day. Please ensure the person responsible for collecting your child is on time. We are already thinking ahead to 2018. As part of our new topic on 'World War 2', in the beginning of the spring term, we will be heading out of the city for a trip. We would be grateful for adult support, we will send more details in the beginning of the New Year.

Best wishes, the Y6 team.

Have a lovely weekend.



Miss J. Waelend
Executive Principal