

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Autumn Term information newsletter 6 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017



The month of December has arrived, along with a spell of cold weather which is believed to be quite prolonged. Please ensure that all children have a coat with them at all times as we would not like them to become poorly. In the build up to the Christmas period do take even greater notice of the key dates and letters and save them in your diaries to save disappointment.

We have started to notice that an increasing number of children are coming to school by themselves extremely early in the morning. Can we please point out that we are not responsible for the safety of any child, unless they are in our breakfast club which is paid for by parents. It is also important that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day and after school clubs.



### Key dates (please note that these may change.)

December	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school assessment week 2
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reading workshop to Year 2 parents – 2:00pm School choir to sing at the Mayors concert at the Guildhall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert – 10:30-11:30am at St Mary's Church Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert – 1:30 to 2:30pm at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & Year 4 – 10:30 to 11:30am at St Mary's Church Foundation stage Nativity in the school Hall – 2:15pm. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available. School Choir to sing at the Rotary club carols by candlelight service
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the children's 'Christmas jumper day' a £1 donation will be required if your child would like to wear their Christmas jumper.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Drama club and Choir Christmas presentation to parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner in the school hall. Further information to follow. EYC Nativity – 2:30pm in the school hall
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Autumn Term
January	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Inset day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Children return to school for the Spring Term



### Christmas activities

We are pleased to confirm the following dates have been confirmed for and will all, apart from the EYC and foundation nativity and Drama club and choir Christmas concert, be held at St Mary's Church.

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Year 5 & Year 6 Carol concert – 10:30 to 11:30am.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert – 1:30 to 2:30pm.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Year 3 & Year 4 Carol concert – 10:30am – 11:30am.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Foundation stage Nativity – 2:15pm in the school hall.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Christmas dinner
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December EYC Nativity – 2:30pm in the school hall.

Please ensure that you read the letters that went out to all children today about the details for the individual concerts.

### Year 2 Reading and Mathematics workshops

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November we hosted a Year 2 maths workshops for the parents of children in Year 2. Miss Parsons and Mrs Wilkins were able to explain what the children are currently learning and the process in which reading is taught. Our Reading workshop will start at 2pm tomorrow (Wednesday) in the school hall.

### **Civil enforcement officer**

All of the primary schools in Chard have been allocated the time on a rota basis of a civil enforcement officer. Their job is to ensure that safe parking outside and the dropping off and picking up of children at school is maintained. Please be aware that they are legally allowed to issue warning penalty notices if they see fit.

### **Save the children's Christmas jumper day**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be participating in the Save the Children's Christmas jumper day. This is an opportunity for all children to wear their Christmas jumper to school. If your child would like to join us please bring in a £1 donation.



### **The travelling book fair.**

The travelling book fair that was in our school library left yesterday. All books and stationary were being sold at half price. We are pleased to announce that we sold over £850 of books, earning the school lots of commission that we will use to buy new books for our classrooms!

### **EYC news – a message from Laura**

Since our last newsletter we have been exploring the topic Space. We have made rockets, space play dough, and learnt new words such as Earth, planets, and gravity.

We have also been practising our Christmas nativity learning Christmas songs and actions. We can't wait to show our families on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall!

### **Mosaic project**

Our whole school mosaics are now up and displayed in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds and in the school reception. Once again a big thanks must go to the FMCA who donated substantial funds to pay for these wonderful mosaics.



### **Children in need non-school uniform day**

Thank you for your generous donations for our non-school uniform day. We raised £297.75 for this worthwhile cause!

### **School Library**

After Christmas we will be changing the way that the school library will be used. We are excited to announce that it will be open three afternoons a week (days to be confirmed) so that children are able to choose their own book with their parents or carers. Further details will be confirmed in the New Year.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Mr L Talmage  
Head Teacher

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Mr A Clode  
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader