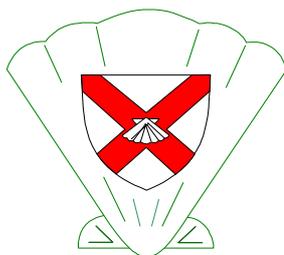


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A message from the Head of School

I cannot believe that December begins tomorrow! I don't know about the rest of you but I am in no way ready for the festive season to begin. Working in a school with young children at this time of year is such an amazing thing to do. They are already getting excited and preparations are well underway for all the exciting events coming. We are also trying to encourage 'waiting patiently' during this time of advent and using the days leading up to Christmas to reflect on what the season is truly about and how lucky we all are.

Yesterday, for the first time, I experienced the extravaganza that is the Infant School Nativity Day. The children had a lovely day full of activities to really help them understand the different elements of that special event. The day culminated in a very professionally improvised version of the nativity story that the staff performed for the children – they seemed to enjoy it and well done to our brave volunteer from Year 2 who played baby Jesus!

In both schools, preparations are well underway for the various Christmas performances and services – the Christmas songs are now stuck in everybody's heads. Mr Tutt has been singing 'Little Donkey' for days!

Wishing you all a peaceful start to Advent,

Debbie Johnson
Head of School

Christmas Dinner – Friday 14th December Deadline to order by end of day on Monday 3rd

The Cost is £2.20. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner at school please either:-

- Book that day's meal on Parentpay and pay online OR
- Send £2.20 to the school office in an envelope marked 'Christmas Dinner' with your child's name and class clearly written on the outside.



School Discos

Tonight is the Junior Disco and the children are all very excited! We have had a few parents concerned about the increased price to £10 a ticket. The reason for this is that this year, the PTA are trialling combining the Discos with the Christmas Fair. This does negate the need for around 150 parent volunteers to man stalls and help on the day as well as running a disco on a separate night. The £10 ticket includes the longer disco, a gift from Santa, popcorn, 4 games stalls, drinks, sweets and a photo booth. There will also be a movie and colouring for siblings as well as mulled wine and a mince pie for parents included so you are getting a lot for your money. However, as with all school matters, we do appreciate your feedback and will use it to help arrange future events.

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Book Fair and many thanks to Sophie Stock, our Literacy Co-ordinator, for organising it. More new books will be bought from the commission to benefit the whole school.

Children in Need

Thank you also for the contributions for Children in Need which totalled £179.71.

Sport Report by Mr Hodges

Our Year 3/4 Football team played their first match of the season last week, beating Speldhurst 3-0. Goals were scored by Alex and Jenson in a super performance considering it was the first time the boys had played together. The B team also played their first league game against St Augustine's. The boys played exceptionally well, particularly Max M who picked up two goals in the 5-0 victory.

Our basketball team have their play-off next week against Staplehurst as they try to qualify for the Kent School Games Finals. We wish them all the best.

The Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics competition takes place on Tuesday at the Angel Centre. Our team will compete in different track and field events against the other Tunbridge Wells schools.

Dates for your diary

30/11/2018	PTA's Juniors' Disco
06/12/2018	Secret Presents Room
07/12/2018	3H Class Assembly at 9.10am – 3H Parents invited
11/12/2018	Year 4 Christmas Play at 9am to children only
11/12/2018	Year 4 Christmas Play at 2pm to Parents
12/12/2018	Year 4 Christmas Play at 2pm to Parents
14/12/2018	Wear a Christmas jumper for 'Save the children'
14/12/2018	Christmas Lunch
14/12/2018	Flu Immunisation for Yrs 3, 4 & 5
18/12/2018	Christmas Service at St. James' Church at 2pm – Parents invited
19/12/2018	Last day of term 2
03 & 04 /01/2019	Staff development days - children not in school