

Number 6 – 9th December 2019

NEXT INSET
Monday 6th January



XMAS PERFORMANCE INFORMATION & DATES –

We hope you enjoy all of the Christmas performances this coming week. The children and staff have been working very hard rehearsing for them.

We are very grateful to St Martin's Church, Lewes Road, for offering their facilities free of charge for the KS2 evening performances this year. The school hall is not large enough to safely host the audience numbers seen in recent years.

St Martin's Church will take a collection for the poor and needy at each performance.

Reception and KS1 performances will continue to be held at the school. There will be Christmas collections for the SchoolBus Project. The project was established in 2015 to bring education to refugee children unable to get to a school:

<https://www.schoolbusproject.org/>

Reception – Tuesday 10.12.2019 9.30am

Year 1 & 2 – Monday 9.12.2019 1.45pm & Tuesday 10.12.2019 1.45pm

KS 2 Cast A (Holly, Cypress, Redwood & Oak) – Wednesday 11.12.2019 – 7 pm

KS 2 Cast B (Horse Chestnut, Cedar, Rowan & Elder) – Thursday 12.12.2019 – 7 pm

The performances will not be ticketed – parents and carers will be invited to find a seat on arrival. We request that audience numbers are kept to a reasonable number. Thank-you.

SCHOOL SPORT – our gymnasts performed brilliantly in a city-wide competition last week, eventually finishing in 3rd place with 153 points, just 5 points behind the winning team. Well done to: Aoife (Elder); Scout, Elsa, Zouzou (Oak); Willow, Kira (Redwood); Woody (Rowan); Ava (Cypress).

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Thank you to all the children who submitted artwork for the 'Bauble Advent Calendar' Art submission at the

Phoenix Art Gallery.

The following Elm Grove pieces were chosen, and will be revealed on one of the Advent Baubles in December (reveal date are in brackets)

1. Myla Grace (Bonsai) 'Bauble' (10th)
2. Luca (Elder) 'Seagull in a hat' (6th)
3. Conor (Oak) 'Teddy' (24th)
4. Orla (Birch) 'Gingerbread man' (15th)
5. Monty (Horse Chestnut) 'Seagull with a chip' (4th)
6. Fionn (Holly) 'Bells and Holly' (12th)

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION – We hope you found the recent Parents Evenings a useful opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress. Please can any parent or carer wishing to speak to a class teacher either make an appointment at the school office or speak to the teacher in the playground at the end of the day. We ask that teachers are not disturbed at the start of the day so their attention is not taken away from the children. Any urgent messages can be given to the office to be passed on to the relevant staff member. Thank-you

WHATSAPP GROUPS – The Year Group Parent/Carer Whatsapp groups are clearly a really useful and helpful communication tool. However, they are not official school communication groups. Please check with the school office if you want to check or confirm any information.

WINTER FAIR – Thank-you everyone who supported the PTA Winter Fair on Saturday. We will let you know how much was raised to support the school once all the takings have been counted.

HOMEWORK GRIDS – will be sent home on the following date:
 13.12.19

Please look out for them in your child's bookbags. The homework grids are a good way for finding out what your child is currently learning in class.

REMINDER – We have several children in school with nut allergies that are also airborne. Please do not send any foods /packed lunches which contain nuts into school. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING LINK – Please follow the link below if you wish to support a team of 17 of Mason Warwick’s family and friends running the Brighton half marathon. All proceeds will go towards an anniversary memorial for Mason and to Winston’s Wish charity.
https://www.gofundme.com/f/half-marathon-for-mason-warwick?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

SCHOOL DINNEY MONEY – We still have too many KS2 parents owing money on Parentpay for school meals. **Please check your account and credit this today.** The school does not have any extra funding to pay for meals. It also wastes valuable staff time to chase parents who pay late. If you are unable to pay for school meals please ensure your child has a packed lunch every day. Thank you.

FUTURE NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS –
20th December = £1 to raise money for school resources
14th February 2020= £1 to raise money for school resources
3rd April 2020= £1 to raise money for school resources

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Monday 9.12.19	Y1 & 2 Xmas performance 1.45 pm
Tuesday 10.12.19	Reception nativity 9.30am Y1 & 2 Xmas performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 11.12.19	KS2 Cast A performance (Holly, Cypress, Redwood & Oak) – 7pm (St Martin’s church)
Thursday 12.12.19	KS2 Cast B performance (Horse Chestnut, Cedar, Rowan & Elder) – 7pm (St Martin’s church)
Thursday 12.12.19	Election – school being used as a Polling station but open as usual (Reception & Y1 will enter and leave via top playground on this day)
Wednesday 18.12.19	Christmas Dinner
Friday 20.12.19	Last day of term. Non-uniform day. PTA Cake stall after school.
Monday 6.1.20	INSET Day.

Tuesday 7.1.20	Children return to school
Friday 14.2.20	Last day of term Non-uniform day PTA Y3 Cake stall
Monday 24.2.20	Children return to school
Friday 3.4.20	Last day of term Non-uniform day PTA Y2 Cake stall
Monday 20.4.20	Children return to school

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Hannah, Niko, Gracie
Birch	Eddie, Cicely, Misheck
Baobab	Cheyenne, Noah, Joseph
Bonsai	Elijah, Myla, Sienna
Holly	Esme, Remy, Samuel B
Horse Chestnut	Siiyar, Billy S, George
Cedar	Evie, Phoebe, Rosa
Cypress	Bailey, Joey, Finlay T
Redwood	Daqi, Baker, Oscar
Rowan	Molly , Oscar, Charlie J
Elder	Lexie, Charlie, Joe
Oak	Elsa, Michaela, Ned

NEWSLETTER - If you have a visual impairment, a copy of the newsletter is available in large print from the office.

Best wishes,
Louise Willard

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