



Newsletter

2nd December 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here we are at the beginning of December and the count down for Christmas has begun!

Please note all the arrangements for our 'Pikemere Christmas Celebrations' are in this special edition newsletter!



Whole School

SANTA'S SCOOTING SKILLS WORKSHOP

As a special Christmas treat, on Wednesday 18th December, we have arranged for some '*visitors*' to come into school. ASM Sports are offering a free workshop to all children from EYFS to Year 6. Weather permitting this will take place outside, so can we suggest you send in jogging bottoms for this event. If the weather does not allow this to take place outside we have an alternative activity which will be completed inside. Children will just need to wear their usual school PE kit. Everything will be provided!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Please note the change of date for the EYFS/KS1 Christmas parties is now-**Tuesday 17th December 1pm-3.15pm.**

May we ask for the children to bring their party clothes in a named carrier bag to get changed after their lunch, please consider the practicality of these clothes as the children will have an afternoon play outside!

The KS2 parties will be on **Thursday 19th December 1.15pm-3.20pm.**

The KS2 children should also bring their party clothes in a named carrier bag to get changed at lunch time.

Party food for all children

As the children will have their lunch as normal on their party days, and as so many children have intolerances we have found the best solution to the party food dilemma is for the children to bring their own!

All we ask is that your child brings **3 items for their party tea:**

- **A drink-possibly in their water bottle,**
- **A packet of crisps**
- **A covered biscuit or cake.**

These can all be brought on a named paper plate or in a named bag. Please do not send in extra items as we have nowhere cool to store it and we will only have a short time to eat!

LAST DAY ARRANGEMENTS

The last day of our autumn term is a very special day and one we as a staff look forward to all year! This is the day when as a whole school community we walk to church for our Carol Concert and then on our return we have Christmas Lunch together in the hall. All the adults serve the children and sit with them to enjoy

Christmas Lunch, listening to Christmas songs and pulling Christmas crackers! The children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers and hats (or reindeer antlers if they wish!) for this last day. We finish the day by watching a Christmas film in the hall before sending the children home to begin the final preparations for their family Christmas!

Chancery updates from January 2020

As you will be aware, the school became part of Chancery Multi Academy Trust in April 2018 and has worked closely with Excalibur Primary School. We are delighted to inform you that The Berkeley Academy have become the latest school to join the Trust. We are looking forward to continuing to share best practice with each other as a group of schools and to enhance what we do for the children. After Christmas Mrs Gohr will become the Chief Executive Officer for Chancery MAT on a part time basis (2 days). She will continue to be the Headteacher at Pikemere, and with the support of Mrs Johnson and Mrs Sehne will continue to drive school improvement with pace and rigour. Mrs Johnson will be working Monday to Thursday as Head of School and Mrs Sehne will continue in her current role as Deputy Headteacher on a full time basis.

Due to the growth of Chancery MAT, Mrs Martindale will no longer be Chair of Governors for Pikemere. We would like to thank her for all of her support and challenge over the years. Mrs Martindale will still be actively involved in school as she is a Director of Chancery.

***Chair of Governors- Mrs C. Richards (previously our vice chair)
Vice Chair - Mrs K Hulson***

Holiday Club

We will be offering Holiday Club on Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January 2020 from 7.30am until 6.00pm with school day and half day sessions also available. Please see the flyer which was sent out on Parentmail for more information. Our activities will be based on a Winter Wonderland theme. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Smith (Wraparound Manager) or the school office.



EYFS and Key Stage One

EYFS: 'Our First Nativity' and KS1: 'Lights, Camera, Action'

We have been practising and practising and are now looking forward to sharing our Christmas productions with our families and friends! A big thank you for helping your child to learn songs, lines and providing costumes where needed. Please refer to our earlier letters for details about tickets and timings.

Staffing updates

After Christmas, Mrs Johnson will begin her role of Head of School and will no longer be based in class. As a result, Mrs Dodd will be working in close partnership with Mrs Fowler to lead the EYFS unit, together with Miss Rushton, Early Years Teacher (EYT). Alongside the rest of our EYFS staff, all of whom are very familiar to the children across the unit, we will continue to ensure the best start to school life in our Foundation Stage.

Key Stage Two

THEATRE VISIT-'The Prince And The Pauper'- Wednesday 11th December 1pm-5pm

Please note we will be having an early lunch on this day as we need to leave school at 1pm. The children need to wear their school uniform and bring a water bottle with them and a small covered biscuit for a snack at the interval if they wish, please no sweets, juice or fizzy drinks though. The performance will finish at 4.30pm so we expect to be back at school at around 5.15pm depending on the traffic. The coaches will drop us off outside the school gates and the children will be taken back into class before being released to parents on the KS1 playground. Please note that the Hassall Road gate will not be open.

KS2 CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT- Monday 16th December – 6.00pm-7.00pm

This will take place at Christ Church, Alsager. All children should attend regardless of whether they are speaking or not. They can wear their school uniform and a Christmas jumper if they wish. Parents are very welcome to stay and join in with our carols.

And finally...our Christmas positivity quote...



Diary Dates

6.12.19	EYFS Christmas Production for parents and family members	9.30am - 10.00am
9.12.19	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production dress rehearsal – children only	
10.12.19	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production matinee	2.00pm - 2.45pm
10.12.19	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production evening performance	6.00pm - 6.45pm
11.12.19	KS2 New Vic The Prince And The Pauper – details sent in a separate letter	1.00pm - 5.00pm
12.12.19	FFoPS Wreath Making - Hall	6.00pm - 8.00pm
16.12.19	Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert at Christ Church, Alsager - all KS2 children to attend please	6.00pm - 7.00pm
17.12.19	Santa's Secret Workshop (FFoPS)	10.00am - 3.30pm
17.12.19	EYFS/Key Stage 1 Christmas Parties PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	1.00pm - 3.00pm
18.12.19	Santa's Scooting Skills Workshops - all children throughout the day	
19.12.19	Key Stage 2 Christmas Parties	1.15pm -

		3.20pm
20.12.19	Whole school Christmas Carol Concert at Christ Church Whole school Christmas Lunch	
20.12.19	Break up for Christmas	
02.01.20 -	Holiday Club	7.30am -
03.01.20		6.00pm
6.01.20	Spring term begins	