



NEWSLETTER

"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish the parents, children, staff and governors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A big 'thank you so much' for the support that everyone gives to the school – we are truly blessed to have a dream team that give above and beyond to the children we look after and educate. I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

INSET DAY – We have an INSET Day for the teachers on 2nd January 2024 and the children return to school on 3rd January.

Pantomime – This year the pantomime was 'Peter Pan' – and we really enjoyed it....oh, yes we did! This annual event is so popular with the children, we are so grateful to the PTA for providing the funding for this.



Stormbreak – We know that the Christmas holidays can be overwhelming for some children. Do have a look at this resource if you need some ideas. The Stormbreak website provides activities for children which address their mental health and emotional wellbeing through physical activity. It is possible to sign up for a free account with Stormbreak, which gives access to many of their videos, including the specific ones designed for the Christmas period (which we know can be overwhelming for many children) at [the magic hat | stormbreak CIO](#)



Plea from the Office – We are running very low on the tokens for the gate into the carpark. Could you please make sure that you pop them into the box when you leave the premises, even if the gate is open - please check your pockets/worktops/mantelpieces for any that might have come home with you. They are more expensive to purchase than they look!



Hillside Lodge – It was wonderful to hear the children in Yr 3 and Yr 5 sing to the residents at Hillside Lodge. The residents were so appreciative of their efforts. Well done, choir!



Nativities – Well done to Thailand and UK class for ‘The Twinkly Nativity’ and well done to India and Italy for ‘A Midwife Crisis’. All performances were sold out and very much enjoyed by families and friends. Thank you to parents who bought a raffle ticket and raised £234 for the school.



Christmas Jumper Day – We very much enjoyed creating a festive atmosphere on our last day of term with so many colours and designs. Thank you for your support!

Chartwells' Christmas Meal – A huge thank you to Chartwells for the delicious Christmas meal they provided this week. The children were able to choose from Roast Turkey or Quorn fillet, served with roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, stuffing, carrots, broccoli & gravy and a Snowball cupcake to follow! Check out the website for more photos.



Father Christmas – We were so grateful that Santa was able to spare some time in his busy schedule to come and visit us. The children in Reception to Yr 4 were thrilled to see him and share their Christmas lists.



Christmas Eucharist - We held our last Eucharist of the term this morning, led by Fr Paul and Mr Holloway. The prayers were led by children from USA class. Mr Hancock accompanied us all in singing the carols, plus the staff song ... we hope that we will see you at the Crib Service in church on Christmas Eve, do come and join the fun!



PE and Playground equipment – We have been blessed to have a large amount of PE and playground equipment arrive. It will be like Christmas all over again when all the equipment goes out on to playgrounds in January! I look forward to sharing the excitement on the children's faces with you next term.



Reflection - [Christmas 2023 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Spring Term Curriculum – UK and Thailand class will be focussing on ‘Marvellous Machines’, India and Italy will be looking at ‘Frozen Planet’. Year 3 will be studying ‘Predators and Prey’, Year 4 will begin ‘Temples, Tombs and Treasures’ and Mexico, SA and Japan class will be looking at the ‘Ground-breaking Greeks’. On the school website, under ‘Classes’, you can find the homework grids, knowledge organisers and class newsletters to keep you fully informed about the learning that is taking place. Please do take a look.



Christian Values for Spring Term – We will be thinking about Humility, Service and Forgiveness.

Celebration assemblies - Spring term

– These will start at 9am.

Thurs 18th Jan – Italy

Thurs 25th Jan – Thailand

Thur 1st Feb – SA

Thur 8th Feb – Mexico (large hall) USA (small hall)

Thur 22nd Feb – Jap

Thur 29th Feb – UK (small hall) SL (Large hall)

Thur 7th Mar – NZ

Thur 14th Mar – Ireland

Thur 21st Mar – India



Vine leaves – **Archie P (SL)** for thoughtfulness; you are always thinking about others. **Luca O (SL)** for creativity as he always has such good ways to present his learning. **Oscar G (SL)** for resilience as he keeps going even when things are challenging. **Roxy J (SA)** for courage; she has found lots of courage to do things at school. **Lucas M (SL)** for humility; he is thinking about others and putting them before himself.



Dates for your diary - SPRING TERM



- **Tues 2nd Jan** – INSET DAY
- **Wed 3rd Jan** – Start of the Spring Term for the children
- **Thur 4th Jan** – Hawking About for Year 3
- **Mon 22nd Jan** – Thought-Full – Sleep workshop for all parents – please complete the Google Form
- **Tue 6th Feb** – KS2 SATs meeting for parents 3.30pm
- **Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb** – HALF TERM

Achievements



Thank you for all your support.





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