



Season's Greetings

I hope that the start of the holidays is going well. It was an extremely busy term and the children, like the staff, were more than ready for a well earned break! Wishing you all a fabulous Christmas and all the very best for a healthy, happy and successful 2017.

As a school, we will continue to take all the advice given to improve and provide the very best learning opportunities possible. As always, we encourage your open and honest feedback to help us.



Staff changes

On Tuesday, we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Morris after 4 1/2 years at the school. Mr and Mrs Morris are now eagerly awaiting the birth of their first child. Mrs Morris has been an amazing member of the staff team and will be sorely missed. We are excited to welcome Mrs Ritchie to Year 1 Lion Cubs.

In January Mrs Krelle will be moving from the extra group in year 5 to year 6 to support the children in preparation for SATs. She will return to year 5 after this time.

Invention Convention

In addition to reading regularly this holiday, all children are invited to do some thinking and planning for our forthcoming Invention Convention on Tuesday 10th January (this is an optional event). They should consider something that has never been invented that would make life easier/better and build a prototype—it doesn't matter if it doesn't work.

Attached to this newsletter, there are two planning sheets that can be used as starting point, but again, they are optional. NB - We don't mind if the invention becomes a family project.

Parents/Carers are invited to observe all the inventions in the afternoon of 10th January. Six of the inventions will be selected to be shared at the cluster Invention Convention on 19th January.

Holiday Homework

Although we appreciate that the Christmas holiday is a busy and special time, please try to keep your child/ren reading. I have attached copies of the Reading Challenge to this newsletter in case your copy has been mislaid. We expect all children to join in wherever possible.

Congratulations to the children that have already completed the bronze level and/or silver level!

Reading on a daily basis and talking about the text, is extremely important and has such a positive impact on progress in all other areas of the curriculum.

Lost Property

Although the lost property was put out at the end of term, there is still a huge collection including winter coats! Please come and look again as you return on January 5th.

Please label all items that come into school so that we can always return them, thank you.

Congratulations to all the children for their confidence and talent in the end of year performances and thank you to Rev Murray and team, for welcoming us all to Holy Trinity Church.

Congratulations also to all the children in Tuesday's talent show; it was a huge amount of fun. The Y6 rock band was the school council winner.

Healthy Eating

For some time we have been reminding children and families about our healthy eating policy. We now have a group of children that meet regularly to share thoughts on ways to support this.

As we return in January, all children in KS2 should only bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack in line with the ones provided in FS and KS1. As a special free trial, our caterers Fresh Start will be providing KS2 with healthy snacks every Wednesday for 4 weeks. After this trial period, we will collectively decide next steps and whether to have a weekly tuck shop of healthy snacks.

Please be reminded that hot lunches for FS and KS1 are free; we actively encourage you to sign up for them. Please sit with your child when you choose the lunches so that they can share preferences.

Thank you

We are extremely grateful to the whole school community for ensuring that our school is a very special place. Thank you -



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All Staff

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Various groups in the community
and very importantly, your children!



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