



Burchetts Green CE Infant School



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Dear Parents and Carers

It seems impossible that the Christmas term is here already! It's been another exciting start with a super topic, toys, which once again caught the children's imagination.



Our 'Toy Factory' was full of magical fun which brought the topic alive as the children visited each classroom to make different toys and to learn their 'music box' dance. It was a really exciting way into the Design and Technology curriculum and enhanced the Arts curriculum, through dance. A big thank you to so many of you who were able to attend the mini dance show in the afternoon; the staff and I were delighted and overwhelmed by the turn out.



Additionally I'd like to thank you all for the splendid costumes the children arrived in. Once again the children looked spectacular and I'm sure you'll see many of us in the Maidenhead Advertiser.

I'm grateful to the staff for their dedication in delivering the curriculum in such an imaginative and engaging way. If you would like to see an overview of our curriculum topics please visit our website where you will see an outline of the three year plan sketched out.

Parents' Evening Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November 2017

You will by now have seen the Parent Evening information and Mrs Derrett will have informed you of the day and time of your appointment.



Please could I remind you that appointments are for 10 minutes only. If you feel that you need a longer conversation with your child's teacher please talk to them and they will gladly arrange a meeting after school on another day; thank you.

Operation Christmas Child – boxes back 14th November 2017

Since 1990, more than 100 million children in over 130 countries have received shoe box gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches to deliver the boxes we collect. They always give shoeboxes to children based on need, regardless of their background or religious beliefs. All the prepared boxes have gone out now and we look forward to receiving them any time before **the 14th November 2017**.



Wear Something Spotty on Thursday 16th November!

We are also supporting the BBC Children in Need charity. Wear something spotty (accessories only) with your school uniform for Children in Need and bring a £1 donation in with you.



Reindeer Visit

On **Friday 17th November 2017**, to enhance our outdoor learning and our science learning (and of course because of Christmas!) we are delighted to be having reindeer in school! The reindeer will be here during lunch and will still be with us at the end of the day so younger siblings – and the rest of us, can enjoy them too (many thanks to FOBGS for supporting this event).

Olympian Relay Team Runner, Richard Buck, 20th November 2017

Richard Buck is a former British champion and is one of the fastest 400m runners in UK history. He has won 7 international medals for Great Britain. These include winning the European championships, and finishing second at the World championships, as well as making the final of the Olympic Games with the relay team.

Richard has competed at 2 different Olympics; Beijing 2008 and London 2012, He will be talking about his experience and will lead various activities.



The children should wear their PE kits on this day as it will be full of activity – thank you.

Christingle Service, Thursday 7th December 2017



Our lovely school Christingle Service at Stubbings Church, is led by the Rev Keith Nicholls on Thursday 7th December at 5.00pm. Keith will be in school this term talking with the children about Advent. The children will learn songs that they will sing to us at the service; they are also decorating their Christingle Orange with its ribbon, sweets and candle in preparation to hold the lit article during the service!

The Nativity Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December

We always hold our Nativity at Jubilee Church in Maidenhead and on these two days the children will need to be dropped off at Jubilee and picked up from Jubilee, not school. The mornings are devoted to rehearsals and other Nativity activities and the afternoons are the 'real thing'. We will send out detailed information regarding the day by separate email which will explain parking, lunches and so forth.



The rehearsals are under way and you do not need to provide a costume for your child as we have everything at school. If you do not want your child to have hair/face glitter please could you let the school know.

Visit to Claires Court School



As in previous years we have all been invited to Claires Court School Christmas Show. This event is during the school time on December 7th 2017. The children will travel and return by coach.

We are delighted that this year we are able to return the invitation as we have been able to invite their Y2 children to our Nativity. The children will join us on Monday 11th December. We will reserve seats for them in the front row of the balcony.

Norden Farm Thursday 14th December

On **Thursday 14th December** we are taking the children to Norden Farm Theatre to see 'Miki'.

Christmas shows at Norden Farm are always popular with the children and we are sure this year's treat will go down well. We are asking for a contribution towards the cost of the ticket and coach journey of £10.00 this should be paid electronically please, the schools account details are to a/c number 40875589 with sort code 20-78-58 please use ref ***surname/Norden***



We will be back in school in time for lunch and then our Christmas Party during the afternoon (we always have a particularly welcome guest to our party)!

Because it is our Christmas party during the afternoon please put party clothes in a named bag to be changed into at lunchtime.

Friday 15th December 2017

This will be a busy morning!

Firstly the children are invited to come to school in a Christmas jumper to help raise money for Save the Children charity. Please send your child to school with a minimum donation of £1 – thank you. Swimming is on as normal for Year 1 and 2.



Secondly may I take this opportunity to invite you to share mince pies and coffee on the last day of term between 9.00am and 11.00am.

Lastly school closes on **Friday 15th December at 1.30pm.**

I would like to wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 3rd January.

Kind regards

D. Sheppard

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