

Our value this half term is Justice



At our recent Full Governing Body meeting, the Governors spent some time discussing this term's value, and in particular considered in what ways a concern for fairness is shown in the life of our school. One of the things we recognised is that justice systems everywhere are imperfect; the important thing, though, is that we keep examining them, and striving to improve. We often hear children's complaint "It's not fair!" but we also know just how blessed and fortunate our children are. We work very hard to build children's resilience and sense of proportion, and one of the ways we do this is to help them to be aware of the wider world, the need for social justice and what role they can play. Our pupils' enthusiasm for charity work is just one example of this. Please look out for the School Council's latest initiative which aims to share our own good fortune with those less fortunate. I am also delighted that our Key Stage 2 Christmas performance, "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme" picks up these themes, and so proud of how hard staff and pupils have been working to present something really special.

Christmas Events



Weds 12th Dec 2pm – Gimme, Gimme, Gimme
Matinee Performance Key Stage 2

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Evening Performance Key Stage 2

Thurs 13th Dec 2pm – Nativity
Matinee Performance Key Stage 1

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Evening Performance Key Stage 1

For the matinees, audiences are asked to arrive at the Community Entrance of the Hall from 1.50pm. For the evening performances, please bring pupils ready changed in costume, to the school office

entrance (at 6pm for KS2 and 5.45pm for KS1) and then go on around to the Community Entrance to join the audience if you are watching the performance. At the end of the performances, pupils may be collected from their classrooms, both afternoon and evening. Please remember to notify us if someone else is collecting your child.

Fri 14th Dec - Christmas Jumper & Bobble Hat Day – Save the Children / NSPCC fundraising.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their usual school jumper (this is the only change to school uniform), and / or a bobble hat, for a suggested donation of £1 per item. Collection will be at the school gate on arrival.

Fri 14th Dec 3.30pm – PTA Christmas Bazaar in the School Hall

Please do sign up to volunteer a slot of time on the stalls! The more people who help, the more time all parents will have to enjoy the event.

There will be a Refreshments Stall – cake / biscuit donations would be gratefully received – please bring to the Library door on Friday morning.



Tues 18th Dec – Christmas Party Day

Children can wear party clothes – but please NOT your party best – we want them still to be able to play out without worrying. Children will have games and fun activities in the morning, Christmas Dinner served by the teachers and then a special visitor in the afternoon!

Weds 19th Dec 2pm – Carol Service at St Mary's Church. Please join us for a simple celebration with carols and readings. We will all walk back to school together to release children for an **early finish at 2.45pm.**

Tues 2nd Jan 2019 – school open for CPD Day – no pupils in school

Weds 3rd Jan 2019 – Spring Term begins for all pupils

PTA News

Thank you to Mrs Piper for her amazing hard work to produce your beautiful unique Christmas Gifts, and thanks to your generous purchases, we made over £250.

Next Stop – Christmas Bazaar! PLEASE SIGN UP to help out for a short time.

Raffle Tickets will continue to be on sale throughout the Christmas Bazaar. The Draw will be made at 5pm. Fabulous prizes to be won!

Club News – Spring Term 2019

Thank you for your feedback about which clubs are likely to be popular. Using this information, and speaking directly to our older pupils, we have put together a programme for the Spring Term (see below). Club Booking Forms will come out before the end of term.



We are trying out a new initiative from January 2019. Two days per week – Monday and Wednesday – we are offering an extra-long club called Homework Activities Club. You can book in for 1 or 2 hours, at a cost of £2 per pupil per hour. There will be a quiet place for pupils to do their own homework, and a variety of other activities – different each week – to suit pupils who want to enjoy a relaxed time with other children – such as board games, puzzles, traditional games, laptops and maybe even some cooking. Cost includes a drink & biscuit / snack.

	KS1 (YR,1 & 2)	KS2 (Y3,4,5 & 6)
Mon	3.30 – 4.30pm Fitness Fun for Key Stage One!	3.30 – 5.30pm Homework Activity Club (ALL YEAR GROUPS)
Tues	3.30 – 4.30pm Craft Club	3.30 – 4.30pm Drama
Weds	3.30 – 5.30pm Homework Activity Club (ALL YEAR GROUPS)	3.30 – 4.30pm Dance
Thu	3.30 – 4.30pm Mindful Colouring	3.30 – 4.30pm Yoga

Fri		3.30 – 4.30pm Dodgeball
		3.30 – 4.30pm Choir

Guitar Club – Mrs Clark will continue this on Monday lunchtimes for existing players. There is no cost for this club.

Government Guidelines on Childhood Illness

We have been issued with some very challenging guidelines regarding the time that pupils have off school as a result of the most common childhood illnesses. The Education Welfare professionals are very clear with the obvious message that children cannot learn if they are not in school. However, it is a confusing message both to schools and to parents, when we are also asked to prevent the spread of infection, and therefore the following guidelines have been produced based on the advice of medical professionals, about what is safe and sensible.



A very useful website is <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/>.

Please also see the Guidelines attached to this newsletter.

We have discussed this as a staff team, and would like to offer the guiding principles:

- Bring your child to school according to these guidelines, but let us know at the classroom door if they are not well
- It is absolutely fine if children feel under the weather in school and please be assured that teachers will call you if your child is not coping in school
- If taking paracetamol, some parents are able to call by at lunchtime to administer another dose
- If taking antibiotics, parents can call by as above, or time the x3 doses for before school, after school and before bed

Above all else, parents take the decision and carry the responsibility for keeping a child off school. We fully appreciate that you must balance their education and their well-being, and hope the information is helpful in understanding the expectations of the Education Welfare professionals, and for your decision making.

Cash Payments – a plea from Mrs Mustoe.

We do not hold cash in school, such that we can provide change when you are making payments for activities; in the past Mrs Mustoe has tried to accommodate this but as our school numbers have grown, it has become increasingly difficult. Please can you only bring cash payments into school **in a marked envelope** (ie pupil's name / activity that payment is for) and containing the **correct change only**. Thank you for your support.

Caterlink Larger Portions

We have now arranged for the School Lunch portions to be bigger for any pupils in Years 5 and 6. I am delighted to say that there is only an increase of 10p per meal – ie £2.20 instead of £2.10. We understand from Caterlink that this facility is set up as from January, and that you will not need to do anything different on your online account other than to make sure there is enough money in credit to cover the additional cost. Apologies if you had difficulty logging in last week – this was actually due to the administration of these changes.

Traffic politeness

The school received a complaint from the general public last week about inconsiderate driving – in this case, pulling off from kerb side parking after having dropped pupils at school. Please be aware that – despite the many benefits of attending a small village school – easy parking access and fast get-aways are NOT something we can offer. PLEASE give the time and patience necessary to keep all pedestrians and road users safe. Thank you.



Church News – services for Christmas

Sunday 23rd December
6.30pm

Nine Lesson and Carols

Children have been invited to join the choir – for details of rehearsal please contact Mrs Pauline Cameron 01933 359533

Monday 24th December 9.30pm
Christmas Eucharist

Tuesday 25th December 11 am
Morning Prayer

Golden Book Entries

The following are all the Golden Book entries for the second half term. Congratulations to all!

Acorn Class

Freddie Nichols – for making fantastic patterns in maths and again for taking responsibility in play rehearsals

Alessio Ciampa – for showing confidence in phonics and again for his word building

Brihana Graham – for trying hard to write her name beautifully at home and school

Izzy Sidorowski-Jenkinson - for creating puppets to tell a story in the puppet theatre

Toby Gorton – for forming all his letters correctly

Jesse Smith – for his counting and number formation

Ben Chambers – for recognising his sounds

Florence Eggleton – for trying hard to complete work independently

Betsie Sidorowski-Jenkinson – for **excellent** listening and following instructions in PE

Harry Stocking – for showing excellent manners

Willow Class

Ruby Cockings – for working hard to join her handwriting

Oscar Mordon – for always producing good quality work

Joshua Umney – for trying hard to improve his handwriting

William Howe – for working hard in English and maths

Sky Anderson – for good progress in reading

Mia Goodliffe – for working hard in her writing

Abigail Manko – for writing such good sentences independently

Sienna Burnett – for answering questions in science

Leo Mahon – for enthusiastic and confident reading

William Baker – for trying hard in all subjects

Isla-Mae Coletta – for being kind and helpful to others

Daniella Moore – for great work in maths

Juniper Class

George Colson – for working hard at writing a diary

Tobi Hubbard – for working hard at his times tables

Eva Saunders – for super diary writing

Sam Poole – for great work on his diary
Sam Lee-Rowlay – for good science work
Daniel Ashton – for good science work
Jasmine Hill – for working hard in maths and again for creative writing
Tabitha Dunn – for excellent writing as an estate agent
Fabiana Ciampa – for showing resilience in poetry work
Nathan Watts – for excellent effort and hard work in poetry
Lena Ciesielska – for her super Stone Age cave

Oak Class

Olivia Moore – for developing confidence with problem solving in maths and again for working really hard in maths
Molly Smith – for great singing in Collective Worship
Monty Burrows – for showing a kind and helpful attitude
James Tunn – for working hard to improve his writing and again for improving his marks in comprehension
Ryan Watts – for using lovely phrases and vocabulary in his writing
George Addinall – for good handwriting
Austin Piper – for great story writing
Ewan Kennedy – for a mature attitude in challenging situations
Olivia Watts – for fantastic work in maths
Finlay Worthington – for working extremely hard in all areas
Charles Clark – for being a supportive and encouraging team mate

Lunchtime Stars of the Week

Noah Burnett, Mia Eremita, Lexi Price, Leo Mahon, Florence Eggleton, Keavy Nash, Mia Cunningham

Overall School Attendance to date 96.6%

(Target is 96% for the year)