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DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

EYFS Nativity Play

On **Monday 3rd December** at 11.00am the Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) will be performing their Nativity Play in the hall and their parents are welcome to attend.

This performance will be crowded and admission will be by ticket only. Two tickets per family will be sent home in advance.

Young children will need to sit on your lap and, if it is possible to have them cared for, it may be sensible not to bring them with you on this occasion.

We also ask that you are considerate to others with your use of photography. Large cameras and lots of flashing lights do distract the children, who have practised hard for this occasion. Taking photographs may also obstruct the view of other parents in the audience who are watching their children. Please remain seated during this performance.

KS1 Nativity Play

The KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity Play will take place on **Thursday 6th December** at 2.30pm and 6.00pm. In the evening **all Year 1 and Year 2** children are expected to return to school by 5.30pm wearing their school uniform.

The evening performance will be crowded and admission will be by ticket only. Two tickets per family will be sent home in advance.

As **all** children in the school, including Reception and Nursery, will have seen the play we ask that you **do not** bring them again to the evening performance. Children below school age should be brought to the afternoon performance and **not** the evening performance. All pushchairs need to be left outside the hall for safety reasons.

NB. Babies and children below the age of 11 will **NOT** be able to attend the evening performance.

Please make sure you organise baby sitters in advance as **all** children who attend our school as well as pre-school children, will be refused admission. It is very upsetting for parents to miss their child's performance because they have not made the appropriate childcare arrangements and also for the staff who have to take this action.

Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Parking

Please continue to park considerately towards our neighbours. I would also like to remind parents that no one should be parking in the school driveway for Health and Safety reasons.



Attendance

Please remember to send absence notes on your child's return to school giving a reason for their absence. We have now been advised by our county attendance improvement officer that, to avoid an unauthorised absence, letters must be received within one week.

Attendance Figures for November

EYFS	Attendance	KS1	Attendance	KS2	Attendance
Nursery	92.26%	Year 1L	97.28%	Year 3L	97.83%
Rec Lisbon	97.15%	Year 1P	96.58%	Year 3P	96.97%
Rec Padua	96.58%	Year 2L	98.46%	Year 4L	99.07%
		Year 2P	97.82%	Year 4P	97.96%
				Year 5L	97.69%
				Year 5P	97.45%
				Year 6L	94.35%
				Year 6P	98.64%

- Whole school attendance 97.22%
- The national average last year was 97%

Congratulations

I have received two emails complimenting the behaviour of our pupils which I enclose below:

Dear Mrs Wilson

Just a quick note to thank you all at St Anthony's for another wonderful term. I am delighted by the progress that we have made over the last few weeks and I am immensely grateful for the huge commitment which you have given to the concerts at the abbey.

Your school is such a welcoming environment and the children communicate such joy. I very much hope that our paths cross again in the future.

With thanks and best wishes,

Rufus Fronde. Hertfordshire school of Music

Dear Mr McDermott,

Diane and I have had a chat about yesterday's science class. We both agreed that the behaviour of all the students was excellent. They treated the session exactly as they should have done if it had taken place in a proper laboratory. We were particularly impressed that they followed all instructions perfectly. Some real budding scientists there. Please pass on our thanks and congratulations, we look forward to the next science session in the spring term.

Best wishes,

Professor Alan Davies. University of Hertfordshire

KS1 Charity Day

I am pleased to let you know that we raised £396.10 for this charity. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Parties

Again this year we are asking parents of Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 children to send in an individual party meal for their own child, rather than a plate of food to share.

Parents of KS2 children will be asked to contribute to a shared buffet as usual.

Further information for all classes will be given by class teachers

Please could I ask all parents to avoid sending in any food which contains nuts as we have children in school who have nut allergies.

Children will be allowed to wear their own clothes to school for their party on Tuesday 18th December

Emergency school closure

The school has registered to a scheme that enables us to contact you directly via text and email in the event of a school closure. In order for this to be possible you need to register your name, phone numbers and email address by following the link below.

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

In the event of a school closure, for example due to severe weather, we will alert you via text and email on the morning of the school closure. This information will also be available on our school website and local Heart radio (96.6FM).

We advise you to register as soon as possible.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Reception Lisbon

Michaela E who achieved the 'Pre-School 2nd' British Gymnastic Proficiency Award

Year 1 Lisbon

Emilis J who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Awards

Melisha G who passed her LAMDA Introductory Exam with Distinction. She also achieved level 7 of the British Gymnastic Proficiency Awards

Year 1 Padua

Atticus C who achieved the ASA Puffin award for swimming. He also achieved level 8 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency awards

Kezia V who received a 'Star of the Day' certificate from Street Dance club

Theo D who received the 'Player Award' football trophy

Year 2 Lisbon

Sofia BN, Teaghan K and Oscar M who all achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award

Year 2 Padua

Natalia S who achieved Stage 5 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards

Matthew C who achieved Stage 3 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award

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Year 3 Lisbon

Joseph M who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Year 3 Padua

Aleksija W who received a sailing certificate

Year 4 Lisbon

Jamie G and Lara M who received 'Star of the Day' certificates for cheerleading

Year 4 Padua

Tiernan C who won a bronze medal in a Judo competition

Year 6 Lisbon

Angel B who achieved Stage 3 of the ASA Learn to Swim Awards

Dominik G who passed his Grade 1 singing exam with merit

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon	3 rd Dec	EYFS Nativity Play at 11.00am for parents
Tues	4 th Dec	Football match v Field School at 3.30pm (Away) Y4 Inter Schools Speed Stacking competition
Wed	5 th Dec	Carol concert at the Colosseum – Y6 choir 7.15pm
Thurs	6 th Dec	KS1 Nativity play. Performances for parents at 2.30pm and 6.00pm Y5 Rugby competition
Fri	7 th Dec	PFA Tombola Prize Mufti Day
Thurs	13 th Dec	EYFS charity day – Wear your Christmas Jumper to School Day – for Save the Children – all classes
Fri	14 th Dec	Y3 classes to visit The British Museum St Anthony's Christmas Fayre at 3.30pm
Tues	18 th Dec	All classes Christmas Parties
Thurs	20 th Dec	9.15am. Lisbon classes Carol Assembly – Parents invited
Fri	21st Dec	9.15am. Padua classes Carol Assembly – Parents invited 2.30pm Term Ends
Mon	7th Jan	School resumes
Tues	15 th Jan	Y5 Microbit programming workshop
Tues	22 nd Jan	Nursery Parents' Information Session 2 at 7.30pm
Wed	23 rd Jan	Information meeting for Y2 Parents on the end of year statutory assessments