

Gordon School News

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair was a massive success and we're delighted to inform you that we made a profit of £2222. There is a long list of people we would like to thank: the FoG committee members for putting huge effort into planning the day; the reps who supported them so well; our amazing team of volunteers who helped run stalls, everyone who donated prizes or made financial contributions and finally, to everyone who came along. Thank you for your support; it is appreciated immensely.

EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 2 took part in community carol singing at Passey Place on Tuesday. They sang really well and were excellent representatives of the school.

The children in Years 5 and 6 performed an absolutely brilliant Carol Concert at Eltham Park Methodist Church after school on Tuesday. Everyone was very impressed with the children's beautiful singing. The school band showcased their outstanding talents and accompanied several of the carols. Well done, Years 5 and 6!

The school has looked very bright and colourful today with the children wearing their Christmas jumpers. They can also wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday 15th December for their end-of-term party and on Wednesday 20th December, the last day of term.

The children enjoyed a special lunchtime today and had their school Christmas meal. Many thanks go to FoG for providing crackers!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We had a great response to our Christmas cards project and many of you placed orders. Your purchases have raised £391 for FoG. Unfortunately, the company are running a few days behind on orders and we are expecting the cards to arrive next week. We apologise for the delay and will distribute the cards as soon as they arrive.

TERM DATES

The last day of this term is Wednesday 20th December. The school will close at 2pm so please make arrangements to collect your children at this time. The first day of the Spring term is Thursday 4th January 2018.

If you need information about term dates for the rest of this academic year, please visit our website.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

If you are intending to come along to the **Years 1 & 2** or **Years 3 & 4** Christmas productions, please bear in mind you will need to request tickets. The tickets are free, it just means that we can manage audience numbers so that everyone can enjoy the performances. **There is a limit of two tickets per family.** Please see the letter we sent out earlier this week for more information. Thank you.

Due to lack of space in the Sports Hall, we also need to limit tickets for the **Foundation Stage** Christmas production to two per family. If you do not require two tickets please let us know so we can re-allocate them.

As always, we will be collecting donations for charities at our performances. This year we will be supporting the **Dogs Trust** and **YoungMinds**. Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you.

YEAR 5 SCHOOL JOURNEY

We are looking forward to the Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft next week. The children will be away from Wednesday until Friday. Advance thanks go to Ms Carter, Mrs Olding, Mr Llewellyn, Ms Mayes, Mrs Davis and Mr Taylor who will be accompanying the children.

Year 5 parents and carers – please make sure you have returned all of the necessary information and cleared any outstanding balances before Wednesday. Thank you.

WELCOME BACK MS KNIBBS

We are delighted to be welcoming Ms Knibbs back from maternity leave next week. She will be taking Great Dane Class in Year 3. Enormous thanks go to Ms Vankirk who has done an amazing job covering for Ms Knibbs and we wish her the best of luck for the future.

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER 2017

Mon 11 th	Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance ~ 2pm
Tues 12 th	Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance ~ 9.30am
Wed 13 th	Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft (2 nights) Foundation Stage Christmas performance ~ 2pm Morning Nursery session optional
Thurs 14 th	Walking Bus
Fri 15 th	Class Parties ~ Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6
Mon 18 th	Nursery closed in the morning Foundation Stage pantomime (pm) Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance ~ 2pm Carol Singing at Eltham station ~ 5pm
Tues 19 th	Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance ~ 9.30am Last day of term for the Nursery.
Wed 20 th	Last day of term. School closes at 2pm.

JANUARY 2018

Thurs 4 th	Children return to school
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FAREWELL MR SMITH

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that our Premises Manager, Mr Smith, lost his battle against cancer recently. He had been off work since October 2016 but was hoping to return to work in the new year. We are having a collection for flowers and if you would like to contribute, please see a member of the office staff. We shall pass your condolences to Mr Smith's family.

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 1062 Rochester 986 Dunvegan 1043 Nesbit 978

WALKING BUS

The Walking Bus is a great way for your child to travel to school. Our final Walking Bus of 2017 will take place on Thursday 14th December. We will meet at Eltham Park car park at 8:20am. From the park we walk along Glenesk Road, turn right into Earlshall Road, where we cross at the Methodist Church, and continue along Earlshall Road to the school. You can leave your child with us at any point on the route and we will safely walk them to school, or you are welcome to walk with us.

WILDLIFE GARDEN

We wouldn't be surprised if you were unaware we had a wildlife garden in the Key Stage 2 playground – it has become very overgrown recently! However, we had some amazing volunteers from a company called *Just Ask* who came in and cleared the space for us this week. We have plans to relocate our pond and replant the area so that the children can do more outdoor learning. Thank you, *Just Ask*, you've been a massive help!

WELL DONE

PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

Alsation (N): Joshua for enthusiastic contributions to the Christmas performance

Beagle (R): Lilly-Joyce for very enthusiastic singing

Corgi (1): Dulcie for her fantastic attitude to learning

Collie (1): Neve for her superb enthusiasm

Dalmatian (2): Oliver for a fantastic attitude to his learning

Dachshund (2): Tommaso for his improved focus during independent learning

Great Dane (3): Terry & Holly for working hard to learn times tables

Greyhound (3): Amy for great work on persuasive letters

Pointer (4): Drew for always having a positive attitude towards learning

Pug (4): Aleena for a great attitude and positive behaviour

Red Setter (5): Charlotte for working hard to explain her reasoning in maths

Retriever (5): Otilija for having a great attitude and being a friendly and thoughtful class member

St. Bernard (6): Iris for her fantastic effort in all lessons

Spaniel (6): Maddie for excellent effort in maths lessons

SWIMMING LESSONS

There will be swimming lessons for the children in Years 3 and 4 next week. The first lessons of 2018 will take place on Thursday 11th January.

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