



## CHESTERTON NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear parents/ carers,

Our school Christmas Tree arrived this week and went up in the Purple Hall today looking very festive indeed. I would like to thank everyone at Buxhall Farm ([www.farmerfreeman.uk](http://www.farmerfreeman.uk)) for kindly donating the tree to the school, it is very much appreciated. Christmas Dinner day is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December; if the children want to wear a Christmas jumper that day, it would be lovely to see.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Parents Evening last week, the teachers really appreciated the opportunity to talk to you and share information regarding your children. For those of you who were unable to make it, if you contact the class teacher directly, they will be able to arrange a time to meet you after school.

We have recently established a "Lunchtime Improvement Group" which is a group of 7 children from Y3-Y6 who are meeting to suggest ways we can improve the playground at lunchtime. As a consequence we have already: opened two rooms during lunchtimes for those children who would prefer to stay in and separated the Y3/4 football from the Y5/6 football. We still have other tasks to do such as trimming the trees and bushes back and getting rid of two stumps. Thanks for being so great in the meeting go to – Francesco, Ava, Mo, Heidi, Jayden, Alice and Rufus.

I hope you all have a great week. ☺

Toni Jackson

### SOCS NEWS – Date for the diary

SOCS are holding a Christmas shopping event in the Purple Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30 – 5pm.

This year there will be stallholders selling gifts including: accessories; decorations; turned wood; homemade jams, chutney and Christmas cake; slime; baby items; toys and many more things. There will be a refreshment stall as well.

Please put the date in your diary and let family and friends know as I am sure it will be a fabulous occasion.

### Carol Concerts

We are currently looking at potential numbers for the carol concerts and whether or not we will need to issue tickets. If we do, we will let you know by Friday.

### ATTENDANCE NEWS! (for 2 weeks)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Hawthorn 99.29%	Elder 100%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place Beech 98.85%	Beech 98.89%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place Hazel 98%	Elm 98.82%
4 <sup>th</sup> Place Elm 97.06%	Oak 96.92%
5 <sup>th</sup> Place Pine 94.48%	Hawthorn 96.67%
6 <sup>th</sup> Place Elder 94.29%	Hazel 94.8%
7 <sup>th</sup> Place Oak 92.31%	Pine 94.14%

### PUNCTUALITY

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Elder 99.64%	Hawthorn 99.63%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Elm 99.41%	Elder 99.29%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place Hazel 98.8%	Hazel 98.8%
4 <sup>th</sup> place Oak 98.47%	Beech 98.52%
5 <sup>th</sup> place Beech 98%	Elm 98.24%
6 <sup>th</sup> place Pine 97.94%	Oak 97.7%
7 <sup>th</sup> Place Hawthorn 97.14%	Pine 97.6%

If you wish to see a copy of our attendance policy you can ask for one at the office or look at our website.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY:** . Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Hazel class assembly. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas shopping event. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – last swimming day for Y5. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – break up for holidays. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – return after the holidays. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> swimming day for Y4. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – online safety day

*Did you know that on this day in .....*

- 1110 – The Kingdom of Jerusalem captures Sidon
- 1875 – Notorious New York City politician Boss Tweed escapes from prison; he is later recaptured in Spain.
- 1982 – The People's Republic of China adopts its current constitution.