



Dear Parents/Guardians

4 December 2018
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General Information

Culmington Manor – year 4 (2019) – Total amount for this trip is £141.10

Payment Reminder

The balance for this trip will be due by Friday 14 December 2018. Please check your ParentPay account to be sure you are up to date as we have some parents/guardians who have not paid the correct amount. As stated in our letter to you dated 26 October 2018, we received from you a non refundable deposit for £50 at the beginning of the Autumn term, we then required a further non-refundable payment of £50 by Friday 30 November, leaving the balance of £41.10 to be paid by Friday 14 December 2018. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss.

We are also chasing the last few medical/dietary forms. Please send these into the office by tomorrow as we need to send them off to Culmington Manor asap. Thank you.

Times Table Rockstars

All children now have access to a new fun and exciting website called ‘Times Table Rockstars’. This is a great opportunity for them to practise and improve their speed and recall of the times tables whilst having fun at the same time. All children are expected to be able to fluently recall all times table facts, up to and including 12 x 12, by the end of year 4.

For information, we will be asking children to dress up as a Rock Star for our ‘Dress up as a Times Tables’ Rock Star Day which will take place on **Friday 11 January 2019** – more details to follow nearer the time.

Handwashing

We will be taking the opportunity this week in assembly to remind our children of the importance of washing their hands after going to the toilet and before eating their food, in the hope of stopping the spread of any nasty bugs.

Forthcoming Events

Swimming Lessons Information/Gala Trials

Today is the last swimming session for classes 4H and 4B for this half term. The next two weeks will be gala trials. Upper School (years 5 and 6) will receive a letter this week from

Mr Hill and Lower School (years 3 and 4) will receive a letter next week from Mr Hill.
Please note that the gala is a competitive event and children should be capable swimmers to take part.

Swimming for the Spring half term 2019 – Swimming lessons will continue for class 4H and will also include class 4J for the half term January to February 2019. They will commence on Tuesday 15 January 2019. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school each Tuesday morning.

Year 4 Christmas Production – Thursday 13 December 2018 – 2 pm – two tickets per child

A reminder that the year 4 Christmas Production will take place on Thursday 13 December 2018 at 2 pm. Each child has been issued with two tickets for the performance. If you do not wish to attend, please return any tickets to the school office asap. Thank you.

National Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that Friday 14 December is National Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children Fund. We are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper (if they have one) or alternatively a brightly coloured jumper instead of their normal school jumper or cardigan. We ask that they wear the rest of their school uniform as usual. If you wish to make a donation we will ensure this is forwarded to Save the Children on your behalf. However, we appreciate that we have asked for a number of charity/PTA Christmas Fair donations recently, so children may still wear a Christmas Jumper/coloured jumper, even if they do not bring in a donation. Let's join in the festive fun!

Christmas Parties – week commencing 17 December 2018

More details regarding the Christmas parties will be sent out by class teachers nearer the time.

Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World – Thursday 20 December 2018

A reminder that if you have not sent in your consent slip, please do so asap. **Voluntary donation for this trip should be paid via ParentPay.**

Christmas Celebrations – Friday 21 December 2018

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the above Christmas celebration service at St Michael's church on Friday 21 December 2018 at 2.00 pm. Children will walk up to the church with their class teachers after lunch. The service will last approximately an hour. No child will be allowed to walk home by themselves from the church. If you wish to collect your child from the church at the end of the service, please fill in the slip below. All children who are not collected at the end of the service will walk back to school with their teacher and will remain in school until the end of the school day at 3.35 pm.

End of Term

School will finish at 3.35 pm on Friday 21 December 2018. Children will return to school on Tuesday 8 January 2019. (Monday 7 January 2019 is a PD Day/Teacher Day).

Bikeability – Year 5

Letters will be sent out over the next few days regarding Bikeability lessons.

Clubs (After School and Lunchtime) Spring Term 2019

Letters will be sent out before we break up for this term regarding the above.

Music Lessons/Payment

Week commencing Monday 10 December 2018 will be the last week for music lessons from the Music Service (violin, woodwind, cello and brass). They will commence the first full week back, week commencing Monday 14 January 2019. All other lessons (private tutors (piano and guitar), teachers will contact you direct regarding the end and start dates of their lessons.

For those children who receive lessons from the Music Service, payment will be due the first week back in January, in the amount of £80. This will be for the Spring Term (January to April 2019) and must be paid for in advance via ParentPay. **A reminder that we will require a half term's notice should you not wish your child to continue with their music lessons.**

School Meals and Milk Orders

Details regarding the cost of meals for the next half term (Spring Term 2019) will be put in next week's newsletter and on ParentPay. If you wish your child to receive milk for next term (Spring Term January to April 2019), please make your payment on ParentPay and indicate if you wish your child to have semi skimmed or full fat milk. **Please note that there will be NO milk during the first week back at school.** May we take this opportunity to remind you that all meals must be paid for in advance.

Attendance for last week

The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 30 November 2018 was 6T. Whole School Attendance for week ending 30 November 2018 was 96.49%.

Congratulations

Girls' Football Team

Well done to the Girls' Football Team for coming second in the SCPSFA indoor tournament. The girls won four games and drew one. They scored nine goals and conceded none, meaning they missed out on first place by only one goal. It was really that close and we are very proud of their achievement.

Girls' and Boys' Football Teams – Danone Trophy – Saturday 15 December 2018

Congratulations to both our Girls' and Boys' Football Teams who have been asked to compete in the Danone Trophy on Saturday 15 December, due to their great performances so far this year. We wish them the best of luck.

Congratulations also to Jibreel in year 6 who passed his karate grading last Sunday in Walsall and is now a 2nd Dan Black Belt in Wadokai Karate. This is a great achievement and we are very proud of this success.

PTA News –

ELFRIDGES - Gift tokens are live to buy. If you want your child to get gifts at the PTA shop on 14 December, then head to www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Friday 7 December 2018 at the Infant School

- Please sell your Raffle Tickets and return stubs and cash by Thursday 6 December 2018 to the school office. Every child who sells their tickets and returns their stubs and cash will be put in a draw for a fabulous prize. If you want more tickets they are available from the school office. PLEASE RETURN ANY UNUSED TICKETS.
- Please send in, this week, any good quality soft toys and bric a brac – we would be very grateful for your charity donations.
- Wednesday 5 November (tomorrow), we are asking your child to bring in a box containing a unisex gift item (worth at least £1) for the ‘Whats in the box’ stall.
- Friday 7 December is a NON UNIFORM DAY – children may come in their own clothes and donate a full bottle of anything for the tombola.
- Friday 7 December – please bring any cake donations to school on that day, but not before please.

If you are available for an hour on Friday 7 December (in the morning), please stay after drop-off and help organise. We would be grateful for any help. Also if you are available to help at the fair, or stay and help tidy up afterwards, we would love to hear from you at boldmere.pta@gmail.com

Community News – *Disclaimer – The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents’ own discretion.*

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Silverwood
Head of School

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Christmas Carol Service – Friday 21 December 2018 – 2.00 pm

Name of my child..... Class

I will be collecting my child at the end of the service at St Michael’s Church

My child will be collected from the church by

Please note that if your child is **not** collected from the church at 3.00 pm, they will walk back to school with their class teacher and will leave school at 3.35 pm as normal.

We will not be allowing any child to walk home without adult supervision until the end of the school day at 3.35 pm.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 19 DEC 2018
