



Friday 30th November 2018

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Maths problem solving day

On the morning of Thursday 29th November the school had a maths problem solving morning. Working in mixed classes within their phases. The focus was 'finding all possibilities' this type of problem solving involves finding all solutions to a problem and working in a systematic way to ensure no possibilities are left out.

Below are links to examples of questions similar to those the children have been solving:

<http://nrich.maths.org/9793> (KS1)

<http://nrich.maths.org/9784> (ks2)

The children all worked really hard, they enjoyed working in different classes, with different teachers and pupils.



Attendance and Punctuality

Class with the highest attendance:

Most punctual classes: 1H, 3S

Number of lates:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
6	6	3	10	3

After school club

On **Thursday 13th December** there is NO after school club due to the Christmas Fayre.

Years 1 and 2 Christingle and Christmas concert

Next Tuesday 4th December at 9.15am classes 1D, 1H, 2P and 2K will be performing their Christmas assembly to parents. The Christingle is used to symbolise the start of advent in many Christian faiths. This is the first of our Christmas concerts, we hope lots of our families can make it.



Music Concert

Monday 10th December at 9.30-10.30am Christmas Music Concert with Sandwell Musical services. All whose children play a musical instrument are invited.

Christmas lunch



This year Christmas lunch will be on Friday 7th December. Letters have been sent home for parents to fill in should they wish their child to have a school dinner on this day. Cost is £2.30 payment via parent pay. Please contact the office if you have any questions. KS1 pupils do not need to pay however we do need to know so we can order the dinner.

Punctuality.

Can we remind all parents that in the morning junior children should be on the playground BEFORE 8.45am and infant children BEFORE 8.50am so that when the whistle is blown they can make their way into school straight away. Senior management have been monitoring the playgrounds in the morning and have been disappointed with the number of children coming into the playground late. Staff will continue to monitor this and we will be speaking to parents of children who are consistently late.

Year 3 Cornet Concert

On Wednesday 5th December at 2.30pm we would like to invite all our year 3 parents to watch the Year 3 pupils perform in their cornet concert. It is an opportunity for parents to see what the children have been doing in their weekly brass lessons.

Freshwater theatre Company

On Thursday the Freshwater theatre company were in school working with the reception classes. The children took part in a story hunt using the story 'What ever Next'. They acted out the story and then made up their own.



Friday 7th December—Wear a Christmas jumper day and Donation day. Please send donations for the tombola :

Infants— chocolate and biscuits (**please make sure these are in date and unopen as they are used for prizes**)

Juniors—bottles (unopened) (alcohol, non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries etc.)

Thursday 13th December—Christmas Fayre 3.40– 6pm.



We are now collecting donations of the following items for a book and toy stall, please send into school any books or toys that are in a resaleable condition.

There will also be a raffle (prizes to be confirmed) however , if you are a business owner and are able to donate a prize please speak to school as soon as possible, this would be much appreciated.

Stalls are available for hire at a cost of £20, you will be positioned in the hall, if you are interested please contact the school.

HELPERS NEEDED—please contact the school office if you can help setting up, during or tidying up for the fayre.

Please remember that all the money made from the fayre is put back into school to buy resources for our pupils.

Football

This is the girl's football team in their brand new kit. Can we say thank you to Andy Chan for organising the kits and the Parents association for purchasing it.



Mr Dodd would like to inform parents that next week (Monday 3rd December) is the last training session of the year for the boys and girls teams.

Year 3 and 4 Carol concert.

Miss Cross has asked if all pupils in year 3 and 4 could have a Christmas hat for the carol concert on Monday 17th December. Thanks



Tupperware Donations

Next week Year 3 need plastic boxes with lids - could you have a look in your cupboards at home please and bring in any donations please e.g. plastic takeaway containers. Much appreciated.

Christmas Elf Applications

Year 5 children have the opportunity to apply to be a Christmas Elf, their job will be to distribute Christmas Cards throughout the school. If year 5 pupils want to apply please read the job description sent home on Friday and get your letters to Mrs Pickett by Monday 3rd December.



Christmas Post-box

The school Christmas Post-box will be open from next week if pupils want to send cards to fellow class mates. Can you please make sure that you write the name and CLASS of the child clearly on the front of the card. Class lists will be sent home very soon.



DONATION DAY

Next Friday, 7th December is the day we ask parents to send in donations for different stalls at the Christmas Fayre. We are asking that:

Infants— chocolate and biscuits (**please make sure these are in date and unopen as they are used for prizes**)

Juniors—bottles (unopened) (alcohol, non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries etc.)

We also need donations of good quality books and toys.

Also any prize donations for the raffle.

On each playground there will be a donation 'drop-off' table, where parents can hand over their donations to the PFA.

Thank you in advance.

NEW POLICIES

We would like to make you aware that some new and updated policies have recently been uploaded onto the school website. These include: Prevent, Pupil premium, RE, Late Collection, PSHE and First aid.

Tuesday 4th December @ 9.15am	Years 1 and 2 Christingle and carol assembly to parents
Wednesday 5th December	Year 6 trip to St John's House Museum
Wednesday 5th December	School nurses talk to reception about clean hands and teeth
Wednesday 5th December @ 2.30pm	Cornet Concert to year 3 parents
Thursday 6th December 9-11.30am	Year 1 visit St Paul's church
Friday 7th December	Christmas dinner day
Friday 7th December	Christmas jumper day and donation day
Monday 10th December 9-30-10.30	Musicians music concert to parents
Tuesday 11th December 9.30-10.30am	EYFS nativity to parents
Wednesday 12th December @ 2.30-3.15pm	EYFS nativity to parents
Wednesday 12th December	Homework in
Thursday 13th December 3.40-6pm	PFA Christmas Fayre
Monday 17th December @ 2.30pm	Years 3 and 4 Carol concert
Tuesday 18th December @ 9.15am	Years 5 and 6 carol concert
Wednesday 19th December	End of term assemblies
Thursday 20th December	Christmas party day and toy day (non uniform—party clothes)
Thursday 20th December @ 3.30pm	Break up for Christmas
Monday 7th January	Return to school after Christmas break
Friday 11th January @ 2.30pm	Year 5 Star gazers parent workshop
Thursday 17th January 1.30-2.30pm	School nurses in to talk to year 3 about healthy eating
Thursday 31st January	Year 3 Trip to Cadbury world
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February	HALT TERM
Friday 12th April	Teacher training day
Monday 15th —Friday 26th April	EASTER Holidays

Have a Great Weekend!

