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Academy

Please bring a coat to school, children. It's c-c-c-cold!

Pupils of the week

Charlie Ackroyd

Jasper Williamson

Holly Dunn

Danny Maylard

Reuben

Zimmermann- Tait

Mabel MacDonald

Erin Bouwer

Millie Clark

Hanni Fussey

Matthew Johnston

Good luck, Pippa! Pippa Rowan will be representing our school in a trampolining competition this

weekend. Good luck, Pippa, we feel very proud of you!

Home discussion question Stan asked...

Is it okay to take blu-tack from displays if you only take a tiny bit?



This week, I have been reminded of what an amazing school family we have. There are often days when I don't feel like getting out of bed - especially during dark winter mornings - but there's never a day that I don't want to come to school. I feel privileged to be with such fabulous people every day! Mrs Channing

What's Toby seen this week?

On Thursday, Toby welcomed Enquire Learning Trust visitors to carry out an enquiry into our Early Years practice, which they agreed was outstanding!



He was very proud to show us a picture of his Christmas tree at home and really excited to see Mr Gardner and Mr Murton put up and decorate our school Christmas tree.

He couldn't believe how huge it is!



Lunchtime Award

This week's award goes to Eliza Moon!



Act of Kindness

This week, our award goes to Bella Castro-Peacock for showing kindness towards someone who was feeling wobbly and Darcey Osborn for donating her wooden nativity set to our Nursery.

Manners cost nothing!

We have been thinking about good manners - saying please and thank you, holding the door for others and responding politely when asked how we are feeling.

Thank you!

I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave messages of support following the unprecedented incident that occurred on Tuesday when four teenagers were arrested for trespassing on our school field. The trespassers cut a hole through our wood and metal boundary fence in order to evade capture as they were being pursued by police. As soon as they had been alerted to the fact that trespassers were trying to gain access to our field, staff implemented our lockdown procedure immediately and effectively, ensuring all staff, children and visitors were safely contained within school buildings.

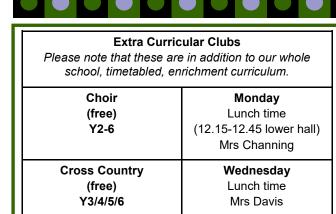
I would like to congratulate staff for their calm, measured and thorough response to the incident, and the children for their sensible behaviour. I would like to thank the police for their swift action, successful resolution and ongoing, reassuring presence. I also thank wholeheartedly a very quick thinking, brave, parent who alerted us to the fact that the teenagers were heading for our school field, enabling us time to implement our procedures before they were actually on site. Not only did he alert us, but he gave chase with the police, risking his own safety for our school family. We are truly grateful.

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| Storytime club (free) |
| Y1/2 |
| In the library with hot |
| chocolate! |
| Limited spaces. |
| Chess |

Football team

(free)

VEIG

3.00pm - 3.45pm Mrs Maylard Thursday 3.10pm - 4.10pm Mrs Barker and William's Grandad

Wednesday

3.20pm - 4.20pm

Mark Shimwell

Thursday

Nov: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Dec:1st

| Miss Tucker's Gardening |
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| (£3 per session, payable |
| on MCAS) |

(free)

Y3/4

Please note: No more Gardening club until after Christmas!

| Multi sports (not football) |
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| (Charge applies) |
| Y1-6 |

Friday 3.00pm - 4.10pm Mark Shimwell

Karate (Charge applies) Y1-6

Friday 3.00pm - 4.15pmSensei James Scanlon



E-Safety

On Wednesday, we emailed another update from E-Safety expert,

Alan Mackenzie.

This update is all about screen time. His updates are well worth reading, as they are designed to help us to keep our children safe online.

Global Council Top Tip!

Use energy saving light bulbs or, better still, instead of a night light in children's bedrooms, use glow-in-the-dark stickers instead!



Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant. Please visit our website for details and an application form!

We love to hear your views!

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey. We were delighted with the overwhelmingly positive responses we received along with constructive suggestions.

The majority of comments were about sporting provision, highlighting that parents aren't always aware of what we offer. On our website, there is an overview of the sports children have access to through our PE curriculum. Swimming is taught in Year Six as, sadly, we are not in the financial position to be able to offer this to every year group. We were also asked if we could have a school football team. We currently have a Y5/6 team who train every Wednesday after school and often win the friendly matches that Mark Shimwell arranges!

A request from Lesley, our Family Mentor.

We are aware that some of our families will find Christmas really difficult this year, due to the rising cost of living and increases to energy bills. If you are able to donate gifts or toys for us to share with these families, we would be most grateful. We are in need of gifts for nursery, primary and secondary aged children. Thank you.

Important dates for your diary!

| 5 th | 1.30pm Nursery and EYFS dress rehearsal |
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| | followed by KS1 dress rehearsal in lower hall for |
| | whole school |
| 7 th | 1.30pm Nursery and EYFS performance in lower |
| | hall |
| | 6pm EYFS performance in lower hall (no Nursery) |
| 8 th | 1.30pm and 6pm KS1 performance in lower hall |
| 12 th | pm Y5/6 Christmas party in lower hall – bring party |
| | clothes to school! |
| 13 th | pm Y3/4 Christmas party in lower hall – bring party |
| | clothes to school! |
| 14 th | Christmas Dinner and wear a Christmas jumper for |
| | charity, supporting families in the Ukraine (more |
| | info to follow). |
| 15 th | pm Nursery and EYFS Christmas party in |
| | classroom – bring party clothes to school! |
| | pm Y1/2 Christmas party in lower hall – bring party |
| | clothes to school! |
| 16 th | 10.30am Carol Service at Christchurch. Volunteers |
| | needed to walk to and from Church! A letter will |
| | come home, soon. |
| | Break up for a VERY well deserved holiday! |

Boiler update

Sadly, despite engineers trying to fix it on numerous occasions, the boiler in the lower school needs to be replaced. We have placed portable electric heaters in classrooms, so that it's only the shared areas ie corridors, the hall and toilets, that remain chilly. The Enquire Learning Trust Central Team is aware of the issue and has instructed a company to source and install a new boiler as a matter of urgency. Please be assured that the temperature in classrooms is monitored daily. Thank you for your understanding.