



Newsletter – January 2016

Dear parents,

What a fantastic end to the term we had.

The Infant nativity was beautiful- the children sang and spoke with such clarity. I always feel my Christmas starts after the school nativity. The Junior Carol Service was, as ever, wonderful. The children singing, playing and speaking was superb- Latin, Benjamin Britain, Solos, 2 part harmonies, orchestra (with staff) and a staff choir- who could ask for more! I am always so proud of the children as they perform with such confidence. Thank you for the time you must have spent listening to the songs, music and words practised at home- it obviously paid off.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the staff on your behalf. The quality of performance is due to everybody's hard work and efforts, but particular thanks to Miss Mitchell for the infant Nativity singing and Mrs Baker for the junior service.

I hope you enjoyed time with your children during the Christmas holidays and that we have all come back refreshed and ready to start the new term with renewed energy.

Finally, as we have just had Epiphany, a time to reflect on the journey of the Magi, it is always good to think about the refugees of the world who find themselves forced to leave their homes.

Mrs K Price

The value for this half-term is Trust. We will be sharing the following bible passage with the children.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.' John 14:1

Mrs.Price's optional homework

Competition to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday

With the approval and agreement of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, every parish church in England is being encouraged to organise a festival on the weekend of 10-12 June 2016 to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and her role as head of the Church of England. This will coincide with official celebrations taking place in London.

The Queen's birthday presents a great opportunity to ensure that Church schools are celebrated as part of the festival. To help promote this, the Church Education Office is running a competition for the design of a logo, to be used on all the publicity surrounding the national Church of England celebrations. The logo should aim to communicate the link between church, school and the birthday celebrations.

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Logo designs should fit an A4 page and you must write your name and the name of our school on the reverse.

This is optional homework. Entries need to be returned to the school office on either site by 9am on Thursday 14th January 2016.

France 2016

We will begin to collate documentation for the trip later this term however there will be no further trip meetings until the start of the summer term at which point we will be in a position to discuss kit lists, the programme of activities and other details.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to make payments for the trip. Please note that the final payment is due in February. If you have any concerns about the financing of the trip, please contact Mr Tomson via the school office.

Year 2 Swimming

This is a reminder that Year 2 commence their swimming lessons at the Guttman Centre on Tuesday 12th January. Please ensure that the children bring their swimming kit to school that day and every Tuesday thereafter. Payment for the lessons can be made by cheque or through the School Gateway. Please note that children will not be allowed to use goggles unless you have completed and returned the slip provided before Christmas.

Junior Hockey after school club

Due to the popularity of this after school club (46 children for 30 places), we have allocated places to those children who put it as first choice and the remaining places were allocated randomly.

We apologise to those children who will be disappointed on this occasion.

Infant Clubs

Similarly, demand for some clubs on the infant site has exceeded the number of places. However, all children have been allocated their first choice of club and depending on their choices, some children have been fortunate to be allocated their second choice as well. Where there were more children than places, we selected the names at random.

Parents' SEN Information Evening

On Tuesday 19th January at 6.30pm, Mrs Baker will be running an information evening about Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision within our school. The purpose of the evening is to inform you of the support we give to those with SEN and how this links with the sessions led by outside professionals. It is also to provide an overall understanding of the process involved with identification of SEN need through to the implementation of different interventions and support. You will hear about how we provide for SEN needs within the mainstream classroom setting. The evening is for anyone who has a child identified as having SEN or for any of you who may consider your child to have additional needs that are not yet identified.

At the end of the evening, there will be a time for questions and answers. Please would you email the school office (office@cds.bucks.sch.uk) with any questions you already have, as these can then be incorporated into the session. At the end of the evening you will be able to book a 1:1

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appointment with Mrs Baker to discuss the particular needs of your child or any SEN concerns you may have. There will be a sign-up sheet available.

Parents' Maths Workshop

As requested by you through the Parent Forum, we will be running an evening workshop to explain how Maths is taught in the school. It would be helpful if you could let us know via the school office if you intend to come. The meeting is to be held on the junior site at 6.30pm on Wednesday 20th January 2016.

Spring and Summer Term Diary Dates 2016

19.01.16	Parents' SEN Information Evening, 6.30pm, junior site
19.01.16	Finance, Premises and Personnel Governors' meeting, 6pm, infant site
20.01.16	Church Network Meeting, 12 noon, junior site
20.01.16	TLSA Governors' meeting, 4pm, junior site
20.01.16	Maths Parent Workshop, 6.30pm, junior site
27.01.16	FGB safeguarding training
29.01.16	IMPS team for Year 6
30.01.16	May Ball tickets and Second Hand Uniform Sale, 10-11.30am, infant site (more details to follow)
02.02.16	Junior Family Service, 9am, St'Peter and St'Paul Church, Dinton
04.02.16	Parent Forum, 9am, junior site
09.02.16	Infant Family Service, 9.10am, St' Nicholas' Church, Cuddington
12.02.16	Robin Hood Performance for whole school in the Bernard Hall
12.02.16	Break Up for half-term at 3.10/3.25pm
20.02.16	Return to school
24.02.16	Year 5 & 6 Faith Tour trip
01.03.16	Secondary School Allocation Day
21.03.16	No clubs this week
22.03.16	Whole School Easter Service, St'Nicholas' Church (children only)
22.03.16	Finance, Premises and Personnel Governors' meeting, 6pm, infant site
24.03.16	Break Up for Easter, 1.15/1.30pm
11.04.16	Inset Day
12.04.16	Return to school (no clubs this week)
09.05.16	Year 6 SATS week
18&19.05.16	Dance Show at Haddenham St'Mary's School
24.05.16	Year 6 to Hazard Alley
26.05.16	Break Up at 3.10/3.25pm
27.05.16	Inset Day
06.05.16	Return to school
27.06.16	Year 5 & 6 France trip departs
01.07.16	Year 5 & 6 France trip returns
18.07.16	No clubs this week
21.07.16	Break Up for Summer Holidays, 1.15/1.30pm