



# Newsletter

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**Dear Parent/Carers**

The last week of this long term is almost upon us. We have lots of fun activities going on next week and I hope to see lots of you at all the Christmas performances. I have had a sneak preview of some of the practices and I have to say we are all in for a treat!

We started our celebrations last week with the Year 3 Christingle which was wonderful and so atmospheric with the lit candles in the dark church.

Mr Hamilton our new site manager starts next week and we are all looking forward to welcoming him! Hopefully then the school will get back to its usual routines.

The children have worked incredibly hard this term and outcomes in books are looking good. We will have reviews in the spring term with members of the Trust and we look forward to sharing those outcomes with you.

What can you do to help ? Read with your child , talk about what they have read and practise number bonds (  $1+9=10$ ,  $2+8=10$  etc), times tables and spellings. You would not believe the difference regular practice of these can make to your child's learning.

For those of you that celebrate Christmas I wish you all a very Happy Christmas!  
For those of you who don't celebrate Christmas, Happy Holidays!

**Rita Baker**  
Principal

## Year 3 Christingle

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Year 3 had an exciting morning. We began by making our Christingle oranges. Once they were all made we set off for the church. Luckily despite rain being forecast, we arrived without getting wet.

When we arrived we made sure everyone knew what they were doing while our parents arrived. At 11am our Christingle service began. Lots of children had parts to read using the microphone and they all did really well. Everyone sang the songs and we enjoyed the service. The best bit was when we were holding the Christingles, the candles got lit and we sang Silent Night.



After the service we walked back to school. Unfortunately, it rained a little so we got a bit wet but we didn't mind because it was nearly lunchtime.

## Y4 Egyptian Museum

Year 4 enjoyed inviting parents and friends to our Egyptian museum on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The children have worked really hard over the past term, learning about ancient Egypt and were able to show the results of their work including tomb paintings, clay canopic jars, newspaper reports describing the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, pyramids, jewellery and much more. Their homework projects were also on show and it was great to see the variety of projects displayed and the amount of effort and time that had been put into them. "Trevor" our mummified body was also on show, he was invaluable when we taught the process of mummification and really brought the procedure to life!

We are very grateful to everyone who came.



## Year 5 & 6 NRICH Webinar – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018

The children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Maths NRICH Webinar (a lesson taught by people over the internet). There was a starter activity that appeared on the internet and the children had 5 minutes to complete this – enough time for all the children to find solutions to the problem.



It was fun and interesting doing an investigation like this.  
Year 5

The main task was introduced by two ladies from NRICH via the internet. The children felt that it was “quite easy to get on with the activities” and they didn’t need anymore instruction from the teachers in school. The children had adequate time to do the tasks and the ladies from NRICH kept coming back to respond to questions on the live chat, give more ideas and prompt us further. The children found it useful that they were able to “talk and share our ideas” with other children in their classrooms.



It was challenging which made it fun.  
Year 6

We are all looking forward to being able to do this again

Fantastic maths today.  
Pupils and teachers so excited by the learning. Dr Keith Watson



## Year 6 Victorian Day

Year 6 children enjoyed dressing up and experiencing a day in the life of a Victorian child at school. They took part in ‘vocal gymnastics’ and practised Victorian-style handwriting alongside reciting prayers and times tables. In the afternoon, the children made Victorian Christmas cards. The highlight of the day had to be sampling gruel! We are sure they will remember this day for many years to come!





20/12/2018

**M A I N S**  
Roast Turkey  
Or  
Quorn Roast

**S I D E S**  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots, peas, roasted parsnips  
and sprouts  
Served with gravy

**D E S S E R T S**  
Iced chocolate brownie  
Or  
Crispy snow bar

£2.25

## Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 21st December

Don't forget to wear a Christmas jumper to school on the last day of term (jumpers only and school uniform) for a small donation.

School Council have decided to donate the money raised to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)



## Reminders

### Photographs

Please remember when taking photos at the Christmas events to focus on your child. Other people may not want their child on facebook etc.

### Christmas Dinner

Don't forget to book your child in for Christmas Dinner being held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December (see menu above)

## Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Fair a success last Friday including our male teachers who helped everyone get into the Christmas mood with their colourful shirts!



## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Poppy Appeal. We managed to raised £464.97.



## INSET Days 2018/2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Dates / Activities

	Activity
<b>Autumn Term 2018</b>	
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year R Christmas performances - 9.30am and 2.15pm
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 Christmas performance - 9.30am and 2.00pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2 Christmas play – 9.30am and 2.00pm Year 4 Christmas play – 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner – make sure your child orders one – see menu attached to this newsletter Year 5 Carol singing – 2pm (Parents welcome to attend)
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Year 6 sing to Infants End of Term
<b>Spring Term 2018</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	INSET Day (School closed)
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School reopens
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	After school clubs start this week
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	M&M Productions Pantomime (more information to follow)
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Newsletter
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 residential to Little Canada
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Half Term Break (School Closed)
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	INSET Day (School Closed)
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Newsletter home
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Book Fair
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening (more information to follow)
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening (more information to follow)
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last week of Clubs
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Newsletter home
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of term
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Easter Break (School Closed)

<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	School Term starts
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Newsletter home
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Clubs start
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATs
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Newsletter home
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	INSET Day (School Closed)
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Half Term Break (School Closed)
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS1 Phonics checks
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class Photographs
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New YR (September 2019) Parents' evening
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Infant sports morning
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Newsletter home Junior sports day
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last week of clubs
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reports home
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents evening for reports only
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Performance
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Newsletter home
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Disco
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers assembly
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	End of term

