



UPCOMING DIARY DATES 2017-2018

27th November - 1st December
Christmas fayre donations at pickup

28th & 30th November - 9.30am
Reception open morning for 2018 intake

1st December
Christmas fayre mufti day

5th & 11th December - 2.30pm
Mgr Overton signing forms for Reception 2018 applications

8th December - 2.30pm
Rec-Yr4 flu immunisations

12th December - 9.30am
Nativity for Rec B, 1W & 2H parents

13th December - 9.30am
Nativity for parents of Rec H, 1C & 2B

13th December
Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day

18th December - 2.00pm
Yr3 & 4 carol service at the school

18th December - 7.00pm
Yr5 & 6 carol service at St Michael's Church

20th December
Last day of term

4th January
First day of term

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents, thank you for attending the parents' meetings last week. I hope that both you and the children found the feedback beneficial. Most of you will have completed our parent surveys already, whether online or on paper last week. If you have yet to do so, please could you take 5 minutes to complete them over the weekend by clicking the link [here](#). The surveys will close early next week and it is very important that we have as many responses as possible.

With Nativities and Carol concert rehearsals in full swing it feels like Christmas is fast approaching. The personalised Christmas baubles look fantastic so please do purchase one if you can. Thank you to the parents that have helped this week but we will need lots more help next week and on the day of the fayre too. Please feel free to pop in to lend your help and let your child's class teacher know if you can give up some time next Saturday to help your year group's stall. The more volunteers, the less we will all have to do! Please tell your friends and family about the event on **Saturday, 2nd December** and lets make it a real success once again.

On the subject of PTA fundraising, you will be pleased to know that we have used some of the funds to contribute to the purchase of 32 Learn Pads for the children. Learn Pads are tablets with software installed that allow the teachers to plan specific sets of resources, apps and webpages for the children to use in lessons.

They are wirelessly charged and easy to manoeuvre around the school. The children that have used them so far have loved them. They open up new possibilities for the teachers to plan even more exciting lessons but they also add a level of control which ensures children can browse the web safely and under supervision.

All of the children took part in an '[Allergy Adventures](#)' workshop the week before last. The day consisted of assemblies and demonstrations that taught the children about the main food allergens, how to avoid cross contamination, what an allergic reaction is and how to help keep our friends with allergies safe. It was fantastic to see how informed the children have become and how aware they are of others in the school that have food allergies. For example, the children with packed lunches are very keen not to put their friends in danger, so following their lead, could I remind you to not include foods that contain nuts, e.g. Nutella products, in packed lunches at school or in the After School Club.

As you know, another mufti day is arranged for Friday. The children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a tombola gift. Please see below for further details. Thank you for last Friday's efforts, which managed to raise £426 for Children in Need. This weeks cake sale was also successful with Year 5 earning £200 for some resources of their choosing.

Finally, I have an early Christmas gift to share with you. [This video has been produced by Opal](#) and is now their exemplar, which is used to show other schools what amazing playtimes look like—it will lift your spirits! I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre next Saturday! Mr Lane

Christmas Fayre Mufti Day — Friday, 1st December

The children will be allowed to wear their own clothes on Friday, 1st December in exchange for some items needed for the stalls at the Christmas Fayre. Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to donate a box of chocolates whilst the parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 need to donate a bottle for the bottle stall. We would prefer a bottle of alcohol. Donations will be collected in the playground from 3pm on Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December. Please do not send bottles into school with your child.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 2nd December, 11am—3pm

There will be bags of Christmas cheer at the Fayre next Saturday. £1 entry, kids free. Face painting, shopping, raffle, food, drinks, school choir, Santa's grotto, FUN !!

Christmas Lunch—Wednesday, 13th December

We would like the children to wear a **Christmas jumper** on 13th December for our Christmas school lunch. The children with packed lunches will join in with the fun too but if your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like them to have Christmas lunch on this day, please let Mrs O'Keefe know by **5th December**.

Family Quiz for Grenfell

On behalf of Mrs Gale and the other organisers, thank you very much to those of you that attended the Family Quiz in aid of the Grenfell Tower victims. A total of £611 was raised.

Open Mornings for 2018 Reception Intake

We will be holding two open mornings for the parents of children wishing to apply for our Reception classes in September 2018. These will take place on **Tuesday, 28th November and Thursday, 30th November at 9.30am**. Mr Lane will make a presentation, which will be followed by a short, pupil-led, tour of the school. Please pass the information on to any parents that may be interested. Further details are available on the [school website](#).

Toy clearout?

You may be preparing to have a clear out before Father Christmas arrives this year. Please remember that we will gladly accept donations that are in good condition. We would especially love costumes, props (wigs, hats etc.) scooters, full size buggies, small world toys, lego bricks, books, board games, toy cars, trains etc. We will use them in the nursery, reception classes or at playtimes. Please leave donations with the front desk. Thank you in advance!

Fund in memory of Ann Cordery

Thank you to those of you that donated to the fund in memory of Ann. £200 was raised by the school community and over £4000 has been raised in total.

Lost Property

We have various items of lost property that haven't been claimed. Please check if your child is missing any uniform/ other clothing. These can be found at the front desk.

Next week, we will be following menu 2

