



*Developing confident learners who thrive within
a Christian ethos*

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FINAL REMINDER - Parent Survey 2018

We have 42 responses to the Parentview online survey and 26 paper copies of the survey.

We are keen to achieve 100 responses.

Thank-you to the parents who have already responded to our survey.

If you have not yet added your views, we ask that you spend 5-10 mins providing feedback to us so that we can review the work of the school.

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk select the 'Give your views' tab. Thank-you.

Thank a Teacher – the Pearson Teaching Awards

You were recently sent a Parentmail detailing the 'Thank a Teacher' scheme run by Pearsons.

The link did not work, therefore below is the correct weblink.

<https://www.teachingawards.com/thank-a-teacher/>

Through the scheme, if you enter your details and thank a teacher on the website, the teacher (or teaching assistant) will receive a card of thanks through the post.

Staff receiving cards last year really appreciated comments of thanks and personal messages.

You are encouraged to make responses by Friday 7th December, if you wish to do so.

Children in Need

We raised an excellent £189.51 for Children in Need. Thank-you for your donations.

Remembrance

A number of parents and members of the church community joined us for a Remembrance Service in the graveyard.

As part of the service, St Neots Community Archive Group put special poppy plaques on the two Commonwealth War Graves in Eynesbury Old Cemetery. Below is a picture of Louie and McKenzie

placing one of the special poppy plaques on the gravestone of Louie's great, great uncle.



Parents' Evenings

Thank-you for your very high attendance at Parents' Evenings.

A reminder that the front pages of the children's Home School Communication Journals details the expectations for each year group in Reading, Writing Grammar, Spelling and Mathematics. The Autumn Term Curriculum for each year group can be found on the school website - Year Group Pages.

Reading, Spelling and Homework weekly expectations for home learning

To build fluency and accuracy, the expectation for each child is that they read at home at least three times a week, their spelling book reflects their practice of weekly spellings and homework is completed to an appropriate standard.

Friday reading, spelling and homework club for Key Stage 2 children does not replace the expectation of home learning.

The Home School Communication Journal is used to indicate the number of times a child has read at home. If it is not dated and signed it is assumed that reading has not taken place; this policy is managed fairly across year groups. If the reading, spelling or homework books are not available for checking by the Friday, children will be expected to attend the Friday club.

We would like to work in partnership with parents to help children strive towards their full potential. Home learning is an important part of enabling the children to maximise learning opportunities and practice and apply skills with greater independence.

Christmas Productions

Parents are invited in to attend Christmas Song Time in **Reception** and **Nursery**. These will be held in the classrooms and you are welcome to join us.

The **Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)** production will be held in the hall and tickets are now available – up to 4 per family.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) will be returning to a production this year. All classes are involved with actors from all class groups. Tickets are now available for these performances – up to 2 per family initially.

The dates and times of this year's Christmas performances are listed below:

Nursery Christmas Song Time (in Nursery)

Tuesday 11th December – 9.30am

Friday 14th December – 2pm

Reception Christmas Song Time (in the Reception classroom)

Wednesday 12th December, Thursday 13th December, Friday 14th December and Monday 17th December 2.30pm – Please sign up in the classroom.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Year 1 and 2 – in the hall)

Wednesday 12th December – 2.15pm

Thursday 13th December – 9.30am

Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 'Super Star' (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – in the hall)

Thursday 13th December – 6.30pm (*Child need to return to school by 6.15pm. If your child is unable to attend this evening performance for any reason, please can you let the teaching staff know by Monday*)

Friday 14th December – 1.45pm

Christmas production letters have now been distributed via Parentmail.

Please return ticket requests for Key Stage 1 and 2 performances as soon as possible. Spaces are restricted due to the space available in the hall.

New office staff member

Mrs Michelle Chaplin has now joined the school staff team as our Admin Assistant. Bear with us during this time as Mrs Chaplin is being trained in her role and getting to know our school and systems.

School Christmas Lunch

Orders are now being taken for Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 18th December.

In previous years the catering team have produced over 200 meals, therefore it is important meals are booked in advance.

Please let the school office know by Friday 7th December if you wish for your child to have a school Christmas lunch.



PTA Christmas Fair –

Friday 7th December 3.30pm

Friday 7th December – Non-uniform day

Friday 7th December is a non-uniform day for all children. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper to school if they wish, however non-uniform (not football shirts please) is also fine. In exchange for wearing non-uniform, the children are asked to bring into school a tombola donation, cakes or recommended donation of £1 for the Christmas fair. Please ensure any bottles or glass items are handed in at the school office by an adult.

The doors to the hall will not open until 3.30pm, until all children have been collected and stall holders are in place. Please come prepared to stand outside until the fair opens.

Squirrels will be in the Toasties room during the evening.

PTA School Discos

Monday 17th December

5-6pm Nursery/ Reception/Years 1 and 2,

6-7pm Years 3-6

Discos are held in the school and entrance is via the school office door.

We ask that an adult remains with children attending the Nursery/ Reception/ Years 1 and 2 discos.

All Key Stage 2 children need to be collected by an adult at the end of the disco; due to the dark evenings we do not expect children walking home unaccompanied at 7pm.

Christmas Holiday Dates

Wednesday 19th December 9.30am– Christmas Service in the church (Years 1-6) – all welcome.

Wednesday 19th December – last day of term.

School closed at 3.15pm (Squirrels open as normal).

Thursday 20th December — Wednesday 2nd January - Christmas Holidays – School Closed

Thursday 3rd January - Staff Training Day (2 of 5)- School/Nursery Closed

Friday 4th January – Staff Training Day (3 of 5) – School/Nursery Closed

Monday 7th January – Start of the Spring Term

Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th, Friday 11th - Nursery closed for Home Visits

Nursery open – Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th only