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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

**NEWSFLASH**  
**13/12/2019**

Well, what a busy term we have had in school. The children have all worked incredibly hard and engaged in lots of purposeful learning in the classroom. The term has flown by and we still have one week and what a week that is going to be! Please see the list of diary dates at the bottom of the newsletter, where we have detailed information for each aspect of each day, to allow the week to run as smoothly as possible, at home and school.

We hope that you and the children enjoy the final week of the term. Thank you ☺



### **Y3 Reading Café**

This week saw our largest group of reading partners yet! Year Three parents, carers, grandparents joined us for the Year Three Reading Café. The children were so thrilled to have so many visitors joining them for the reading café. They were so enthusiastic about the experience, as well as the additional reading opportunities that have been taking place in their classroom.

We are looking forward to welcoming Y4, Y5 and Y6 parents and carers to Reading cafes after half term. We have had fewer responses for these year groups so far – so please do come and get a form from the office to indicate your attendance. Reading at UKS2 is really important, in order to gather good inference skills and unpicking language. The children learn these strategies in school. During the KS2 cafes we will have Y6 SATs papers on display, to show the types of comprehension questions they will be exposed to, so you can talk these through with staff during the sessions. We do hope to have lots of reading partners for every class.



### **Star of the Week**

Stars of the week assemblies will resume on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, after the Christmas break.

### **Mince Pies, Yule Log, Christmas cake slices**

On Wednesday, we are hosting a Christmas craft fair in school and will have refreshments available to purchase. Any donations of cakes, mince pies or yule log would be very much appreciated to support the school event. Thank you in advance.



Excellence for each child, each day

## Y5 Greek Museum

It was great to see so many people attending the Y5 Greek Museum on Thursday afternoon. The children are really proud of all they have achieved through this theme and have worked hard to present this all to you in the style of a museum. They have not only fully engaged with the unit of work to create some excellent outcomes, but they also enjoyed mounting work, as well as presenting and organising it ready to exhibit. Our intention is to teach organisational skills as well as curriculum knowledge! We hope you enjoyed the afternoon. Here are a few photos, however more can be seen on the Y5 class blog.



## Clubs

All school clubs have now finished for the term apart from the Fencing Club. The last session of Fencing Club will be on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

The Chelsea Football Club will also be running this week coming, with its usual session on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** after school. Thank you.

## School Uniform

Please remember trainers are not part of our school uniform. Children should wear plain black school shoes at all times. This is part of our school uniform policy and reduces any competitiveness around styles of trainers, which can be a distraction in the school day and learning time. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Reception's Educational Visit to the ZOO!**

The reception class enjoyed a fantastic outing at the zoo on Thursday, despite the challenging weather! The day was filled with interesting activities provided by Ruth and Tracy in the Education room and around the zoo. The children had close up experiences with a python and huge stick insects as well as visiting meerkats, a tiger, two lions and monkeys outside. The children learnt many facts about the different animals and made 'enrichment crackers' for them, filled with hay and fresh blueberries, in order to make their snack times more interesting.



Everyone sang Christmas songs to the animals outside.

The day was made complete as the children sat cosily on some blankets and listened to a Christmas story. Staff at the zoo complimented the children on their manners and their very respectful behaviour towards the animals. Well done Reception children.



### **Christingle Service Sneak Preview**

A sneak preview of the school Christingle, due to be performed on Monday evening. Please do try to come along to St.Saviours on Monday evening to see the children take part. What a fantastic group of children to help us retell the Nativity story.



### **School Menu for this week:**

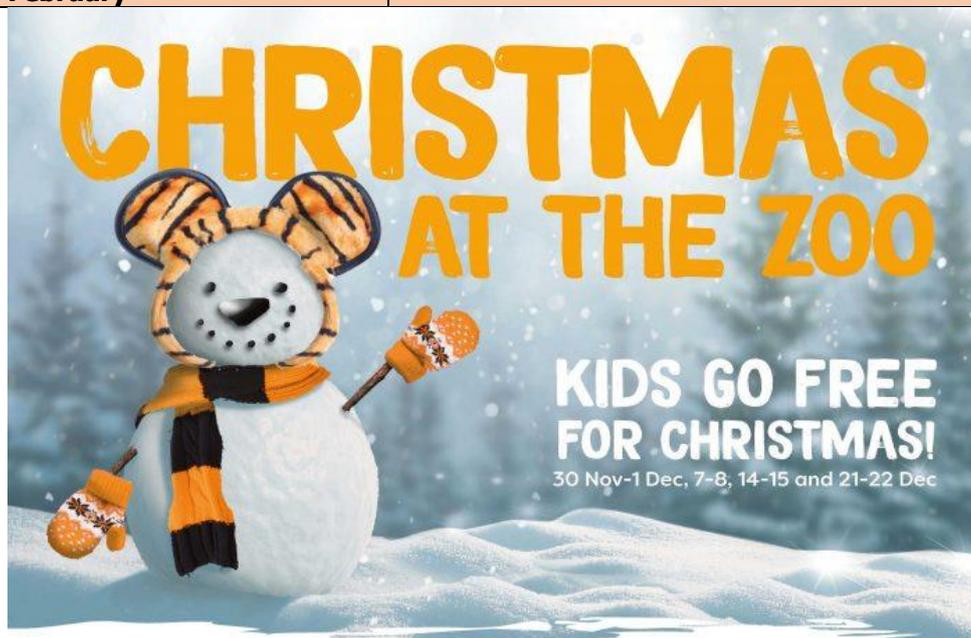
Please remember school meals cost **£2.05** a day or **£10.25** a week. All payments for meals from Y3 to Y6 via school money please. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free school meal every day.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 3</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, New Potatoes, Mixed Peppers & Corn	Vegetable Tagine with Couscous Mixed Peppers & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo.
Dessert: Eves Pudding with Custard			
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Party Lunch</b>	Christmas Party Lunch Day today. Pre-booked meals only on this day. If an order has not been placed, please bring a lunchbox on this day as there are no cooked options for the day. Thank you		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Cabbage & Carrots	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Cabbage & Carrots	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
Dessert: Chocolate Shortbread			
<b>Thursday</b>	Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry, Rice, Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo.
Dessert: Yoghurt Station and Fruit platter			
<b>Friday</b>	Fish in Batter with Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Vegetable Pasta Bake Baked Beans & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo.
Dessert: Banana Loaf			

### **Dates for the Diary –**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Whole school walk to St.Saviours</b> Church to practise Christingle service
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>6pm – Christingle Service</b> for all children and families at St.Saviours Church. Children to arrive at the church from 5:40pm.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Santa’s Grotto Day</b> – Please pay via school money if you would like your child to take part. Pre-book tickets please as Father Christmas plans to come prepared for the day! Thank you for your understanding.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Party Day</b> – Parties in classrooms during the day. Children can wear party clothes to school today. Reminder – no onesies please – the children get far too hot during the day.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Party Lunch</b> – pre-booked meals only. If a party lunch <b>has not</b> been booked by last week – then a <b>lunch box</b> will need to be brought into school please, as catering plans have already been made on the due date of the return of slips. Thank you for your understanding.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Craft Fair &amp; Refreshment Afternoon</b> – 2pm in the school hall. Come and join us for a mince pie or slice of yule log/Christmas cake (donations gratefully received) and a cup of tea. Bring your pennies to peruse the craft fair stalls – all money raised will be used to invest in books for the library and rich texts for learning. Thank you.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Present Exchange.</b> If you would like your child to participate in a gift exchange, please bring in an <b>unwrapped</b> present suitable for a male or female adult to the value of £5 (no alcohol) please. The gifts are collated and then the children can choose one to take home for their parent or carer, after wrapping it, to pop under the Christmas Tree! Only children that choose to donate a gift will have the option of wrapping a gift to take home.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Vintage Cinema Afternoon</b> All children enjoy a vintage film together to end the term.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Final day of term for the children – We wish you a very Happy Christmas Time.
Enjoy the Christmas Break	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Happy New Year - 2020
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back to school for the Spring Term – Welcome back to the term. Breakfast club from 8am. Gates open to the playground at 8:35am.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 Reading Café – 9am in the school hall

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 1/10
<b>Week 2</b>	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 Reading Café – 9am in the school hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 2/10
<b>Week 3</b>	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Theatre company visit to school for the whole school linked to our whole school English journey
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y6 Reading Café – 9am in the school hall
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 3/10
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	AGAT Workshop – Space and rockets
<b>Week 4</b>	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 4/10
<b>Week 5</b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 5/10
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	AGAT Workshop – Non-fiction author
<b>Week 6</b>	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 6/10
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Development Day</b> – School closed to children today for staff training
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Half Term break – have a super half term rest. See you soon.



## JOIN US OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD FOR FUN ACTIVITIES AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

- Lots of Christmas activities including, roasting chestnuts, mulled wine and buttery beer, feeding the jingle bell ponies and donkeys, Christmas crafts and face painting\*
- Enter a daily prize draw to win the chance to feed our lions with a Christmas Dinner
- Christmas gifts in the shop, Christmas carolling on selected dates and seasonal fayre in the Café, including an optional breakfast with Santa!\*\*

## COME AND VISIT SANTA'S GROTTTO

Come and meet Santa in his very special winter grotto made from upcycled and recycled materials. Take away a small gift and some great memories.\*\*\*



\*on selected days \*\* breakfast with Santa £10  
\*\*\*£6 charge to visit Santa



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