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Newsletter No. 7



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a successful term the children have had. We are delighted with the progress they have made and particularly how well the Reception children have settled in to the routines of school life.

We are delighted to have the successes of the school recognised in the School League Tables where we are in the top 10 schools in Cambridgeshire for overall performance (there are a total of 262 schools altogether). We are actually 1st in the County for progress made between KS1 and KS2.

For more details insert the following into 'Find and compare schools in Cambridgeshire' in a search engine or copy and paste the following link into the browser:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=phase®ion=873&geographic=la&phase=16to18>

A special thank you must go to the staff at The Bellbird who work tirelessly for our pupils, ensuring best possible outcomes for all.

There has been a multitude of Christmas activities and celebrations over the last two weeks, all of which have been absolutely super.

The Y2/3 production of 'Straw & Order' was wonderful; the confidence of the children with both singing and acting was amazing. We are so proud of them. A special Thank you to FABS who provided funds for new outfits, some of which were actually bought in Dubai, so are very authentic!

Wrens and Robins brought tears to the eyes of many with their delightful production of 'The Christmas Story' using Makaton actions (Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people to communicate).

Year 5 and 6 pupils have been entertaining different Community groups around the village with their carolling and recorder playing! We are so proud of them.

Parents of Y1 children had a wonderful morning creating Christmas decorations in the classrooms with the children, making the school look very festive indeed.

Thank you so much for all of the generous gifts and wishes to the staff for Christmas. We do hope that you have a wonderful Christmas time with your families and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing everybody back on MONDAY 7th January.

Many thanks
Mrs Kendall | Headteacher



Message from Mrs Hines

Library Books in Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1 and 2

We are very grateful to all of the parents/carers who regularly come in to manage the changing of library books and to those adults who come in to listen to the children read. Over the Christmas break, if the children want to, they can borrow up to two library books.

In response to requests from the children, from January 2019, the children in Wrens, Robins, Wagtails, Sparrows, Goldfinches and Skylarks can borrow two picture books each time they visit the library. Books can be borrowed for up to two weeks.

FABS have been very generous in their support of the library and there is now a huge selection of books for the children in all classes to choose from.

The books read by the children in Key stage 2 tend to be longer chapter books and most of the children, who I have spoken to, feel that borrowing one of these books for up to two weeks is manageable.

Reading Books in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

From January 2019, the children in Wrens, Robins, Wagtails, Sparrows, Skylarks and Goldfinches can take home two colour banded reading books a week. We will be encouraging the children to take home a fiction and a non-fiction book.

We have had a very positive response to the reading record books which the school introduced this September. Many children have received their second blast off award and we can see from the comments that parents/carers are writing that the children are practising a range of reading skills at home. Reading regularly at home with your child is not only fun for both parent/carer and child but it greatly supports all aspects of the children's English work.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 7th December	1st day of Spring term
Thursday 17th January	Parent Forum 6pm
Friday 1st February	FABS event : KS1 & KS2 discos 5:30pm & 6:30pm
Thursday 14th February	Last day of Half term
Friday 15th February	FABS event : Bingo 7—10pm
Friday 22nd February — Sunday 24th February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 25th February	1st day of Half term
Friday 8th March	MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8am
Friday 29th March	School Reports out
Tuesday 2nd April	Parent Consultations 8—11am
Wednesday 3rd April	Parent Consultation 3:45—7pm
Friday 5th April	Last day of Spring term
Friday 5th April	Easter Bunny Family Bingo 5pm