



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
19th December 2019

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

When looking back over this Autumn Term I wonder where the time had gone and I don't think it is just me. Being such a busy school we move from deadlines to events to celebrating achievements and it is a credit to all in our school community who take on initiatives and responsibilities to seeing these through to their successful conclusion – my heartfelt thanks to all these heroes that make and shape our school.

These last two weeks have put us in the right festive spirit with events such as concerts, nativity plays, Friends' Fete, Parent Reading Cafés, Christmas Dinner, Talent Show and Carols around the Tree. I hope that you have been able to take part in some of these as well.

We are already excited about the next term, not least about our *Cinderella Project* that starts on 7th January and that culminates in the yearly Pantomime. For now though I wish you all a Merry Christmas and quality time with your family in the weeks ahead.

Mr Jan M Bless - Headteacher

Child of the Term Awards – Autumn 2019

These children were chosen last term for excellent achievement in a range of academic areas, demonstrating good attitude and behaviour, using the LEARNERS Values and being good role models to their peers:

Reading	Lucien 1To, Neda 1K, Olivia 1T, David 2A, Asser 2H, Nida 2T, Symone 3F, Ayah 3G, Mateus 3R, Destiny 4F, Fadhil 4H, Jakub 4T, Maryam 5K, Riel 5G, Rosamaria 5H, Jayden 6B, Letisia 6L, Elias 6T, Samuel 6T, Yamin Rainbow Class
Mathematics	Emircan 1To, Kaiden 1K, Reggie 1T, Ibrahim 2A, Ozgar 2H, Yasmine 2T, Spencer 3F, Sonny 3G, Ali 3R, Elisha 4F, Mellae 4H, Elizabeth 4T, Ahmad 5K, Layla 5G, Lewis 5H, Zarah 6B, Lukas 6L, Samuel 6T, Clayton Rainbow Class
Commitment to Learning	Harmony 1To, Angelica 1K, Gabi 1T, Bianca 2A, Ayse 2H, Aria 2T, Deniz 3F, Tasnim 3G, Yamilsia 3R, Nihal 4F, Varun 4H, Nazirah 4T, Kazhal 5K, Diana 5G, Ela 5H, Hassan 6B, Conner 6L, Greta 6T, Pelin Rainbow Class
Quality of Homework	Anna 1To, Nathan 1K, Christakis 1T, Paula 2A, Shaun 2H, Neriah 2T, Iqra 3F, Domantis 3G, Hameeda 3R, Baris 4F, Havin 4H, Aurora 4T, Faheem 5K, Sally 5G, Mia 5H, Brooklyn 6B, Jia- Li 6L, Aariz 6T, Tyler Rainbow Class
Contribution to the School	Bella 1To, Oliver 1K, Maise 1T, Kezia 2A, Ela 2H, Yunas 2T, Larissa 3F, Tea 3G, Amelia 3R, Olivia 4F, Eliz 4H, Tommy 4T, Naomi 5K, Beverley 5G, Aiyana 5H, Anshika 6B, Prescillia 6L, Hazal 6T, Lillie-Mae Rainbow Class

Dates for your Diary	2019/2020
Inset Day – school closed	Monday 6th January
Back to School	Tuesday 7th January 2020
Cinderella Pantomime	Monday 27th January
Friends' Event Years 3 and 4 Disco	Friday 31st January 4.00pm - 5.30pm
February Half Term	Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
Friends' Event Years 5 and 6 Disco	Friday 7th February 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Back to School	Monday 24th February
Football League	Thursday 27 th February - 4pm at Prince of Wales
Netball League	Tuesday 3 rd March 4.00pm and 4.30pm
Sports Relief Charity Day	Friday 13 th March
Netball League	Tuesday 31 st March 4.00pm and 4.30pm
Football League	Thursday 19 th March - 4pm at Prince of Wales
Easter Holidays	Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April
Back to School	Monday 20th April
May Bank Holiday No School	Friday 8th May
May Half Term	Monday 25th – Friday 29th May
Back to School	Monday 1st June
WWF Charity Day	Friday 19 th June
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 22 nd July – Monday 31 st August

To Parents and Staff,

RE: School Foodbank

We would just like to say a huge thank you to all of you who donated food, and gifts for the Christmas food bank. It's really been appreciated, and helped those who needed it.

You are all so generous and kind.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

The next food bank will be open for yourself or a neighbour on Friday 10th January

Come along to the breakfast club entrance at 8:30 – 9:30

From Mrs Rees and Mrs Dunlea.

Parents' comments about the Parent Cafés last week...

- *Amazing opportunity to work closely with my daughter and her teacher in a classroom setting*
- *Cafés are always useful and relaxed. They help me support my son.*
- *Enjoyed the Café, really enjoy the relaxed approach.*
- *Good initiative to put child and parent side by side in the classroom.*
- *Good to see how children are taught and what the curriculum expects.*
- *Teachers are so well organised*
- *Always enjoy coming to the Cafés.*



Year 1 Café

On Monday we enjoyed having lots and lots of parents/caregivers into class for our Café. Our focus was English literacy - rhyming and Christmas. Rhyming teaches children how language works. They learn to



anticipate the rhyming word and this helps prepare them to make predictions when they read. We read the rhyming Christmas story 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and this linked to our Religious Learning of Christianity for this term. We cut out many 'hands' and made Christmas wreaths which will decorate our dining hall before going home for Christmas. A big thank you to all our parents who came along, the children were thrilled.



Children comments: Irem "I enjoyed making the wreath" and Sanita said "There were biscuits and mums came". Parent comment "It was so nice to see the children so busy having fun".



On Wednesday as part of our RE learning we went to St Peter and Paul Church for the Christmas story. Father Stephen made us very welcome and asked children if they would like to help perform the Nativity. Several children read sections of the story and others acted their parts with such confidence. A couple of children asked if they could thank Father Stephen and he was delighted.

Child comment from Lucien "I liked Father Stephen telling the story".



Also as part of our outside learning we linked to an RE lesson about making class Advent Rings or Wreaths. The children snipped leaves from one of our gardens to thread through the wreath. Plus the children have been outside on the field and in our different gardens collecting twigs and sticks to make Christmas trees with material.

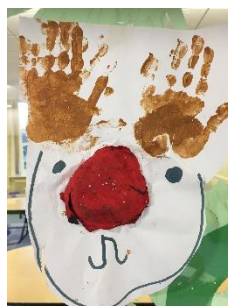




Christmas Dinner

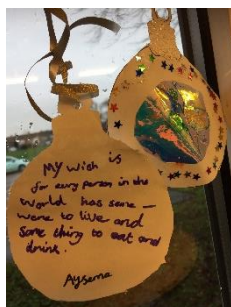


Christmas Dinner was a real treat and experience with crackers for every child.



Every child in the school contributed to the Christmas decorations in the dining rooms.

Many thanks to Michele and her school kitchen team for preparing our delicious Christmas Dinner





Christmas Cracker Jokes

Cracker Challenge

Mr Bless learnt the answers to each of these 25 cracker jokes, can you? Can you explain why these are funny?



Q.
How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizza?

A.
Deep and crisp and even

5

Q.
What did the grape do when it got stepped on?

A.
It let out a little wine

4

Q.
What did the fish say when it swam into a wall

A.
Dam

3

Q.
Why was 6 afraid of 7?

A.
Because 7 8 9

2

Q.
Why did the chewing gum cross the road?

A.
Because it was stuck to the chicken

1

Q.
What type of room has no windows or doors?

A.
A mushroom

10

Q.
What do you give a man who has everything?

A.
Antibiotics

9

Q.
What did the policeman say to his stomach?

A.
You're under a vest

8

Q.
What do you call a penguin in the desert

A.
Lost

7

Q.
What is E.T. short for?

A.
Because he only has little legs

6

Q.
How do you keep cool at a football match?

A.
You stand next to a fan

15

Q.
Why are ghosts so bad at lying?

A.
You can see right through them

14

Q.
Why was Cinderella no good at football?

A.
Because her coach was a pumpkin

13

Q.
What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

A.
A stick

12

Q.
Why did the strawberry get a lawyer?

A.
Because it was in a jam

11

Q.
What do you call someone who makes clothes for rabbits?

A.
A Hare Dresser

20

Q.
What is an underground train full of professors called?

A.
A tube of smarties

19

Q.
When is a boat like a pile of snow?

A.
When it's adrift

18

Q.
How do you make a jacket last?

A.
Make the trousers first

17

Q.
What do you call a row of men waiting for a haircut?

A.
A barbeque

16

Q.
What do sheep say at Christmas?

A.
Wool-tide Bleatings

25

Q.
Where would you find chili beans?

A.
At the north pole!

24

Q.
How do you make an apple puff?

A.
Chase it around the garden

23

Q.
Why did the jockey take his saddle to bed?

A.
In case he had nightmares

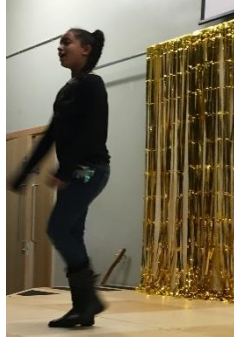
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Q.
Where do sick gnomes go?

A.
To the Elf Centre

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Head Boy Perrez hosted this new format Talent Show. In front of 4 judges, the final candidates performed solo or in groups, singing, dancing or playing an instrument and showing off their talents. In the end a difficult decision had to be made. Zara, the Head Girl and Lead Judge announced the winner: Alex 5H with his breakdancing skills. He thanked his class mates for encouraging him to perform, despite missing his dance partner.

Special thanks to Mrs Sluter, Miss Thomas and Mrs Fromet for organising this great event.



Christmas Fair

A big thank you to the Friends of Prince of Wales (FoPOW) for organising the Christmas Fair.

A total of £806 was raised. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Fair a success.

