

Friendship Week

Each year, we celebrate Friendship Week during National Anti-bullying Week. We made a Friendship Tree and children were awarded with special stickers if they were spotted being a good friend or for carrying out random acts of kindness. A large amount of 'Bee' certificates were awarded to children in all classes during Good Work Assembly at the end of the week for their kindness, compassion and open-heartedness. Children in all classes completed a survey about friendship. This included questions about how safe the children feel at school, both in relation to friendship and in the wider sense. We are really pleased the vast majority of children responded positively to the questions; they enjoy coming to school, feel that they behave well and that they know the difference between bullying and unkindness. We are in the process of responding to any concerns expressed by the children.

Safety Group

In relation to the above, we have set up a Safety Group, to make sure that the policies relating to e-safety are implemented and monitored. The group includes members of staff, a governor and two Year 6 children, who have been named as our e-cadets. The group will meet again in the new year, ahead of the 2017 national e-safety Day.

Children in Need

Well done to all boys and girls for coming to school dressed in spotty outfits for Children in Need. Our Bring and Buy sale was really popular, as was 'guess how many spots are on the cake competition!' Together these raised £89.

Village Christmas Lights

It was great to see so many children and families at last Friday's village Christmas Light Switch on. Maizey in Year 1 had the honour of plunging the switch to light up the tree and the choir led the carol singing beautifully.

PTFA Christmas Fayre

As you will all know, it is our school Christmas Fayre this Friday 2nd December, in the hall, after school. Please do come along and peruse the many stalls for games and gifts, sample some of the delicious food on offer and listen to the choir sing. Father Christmas will of course be there to see the children throughout the Fayre.

Sporting Achievement

Earlier this month, a number of Key Stage 2 children attended a Sportshall Athletics day at King Arthur's School. They competed against eight other local schools and after a day of fierce competition, they came 1st place, taking them through to the next round. Well done boys and girls, what a fantastic achievement! Our football team played a match at home against Horsington Primary School recently. The final score was 6-3 to Horsington. Well played children.

Key Stage 1 Nativity

As previously advertised, our KS1 Nativity performances are being held on 12th December at 2pm and 13th December at 10am. As in previous year, during each performance, we will be running a crèche service in the library for pre-

school children and babies.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

All Year 1 parents are invited to attend a meeting about the Phonics Screening Test, held later this school year. The meeting will be on Wednesday 7th December at 3.15pm in Medlycott Classroom.

ParentPay

In the very near future, we will be setting up an online system for ordering and paying for school meals. A letter with more details is soon to follow.

Open Brass Lesson

Parents of children in Year 4 are invited to attend an open brass lesson in the hall next Thursday 8th December at 1.15pm.

KEY DATES:

- 2nd December: Look and Share and Christmas Fayre after school
- 9th December: KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal
- 12th & 13th December: KS1 Nativity performances
- 14th December: Venn Class cake sale
- 15th December: Church Service at 10.30am
- 16th December: Xmas parties
- **17th December – 2nd January: Holiday**
- **3rd January: INSET Day**
- **4th January: Start of Spring Term**



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