



Newsletter 12:

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1st December 2017



This event is always great fun for everyone – especially our Year 5 and 6 children who are so proud of their role in the event. All families and siblings including younger children are very welcome to come and join the fun from the end of school.

Christmas Dinner day Wednesday 6th – Deadline is Monday!!

Santa Run

On the last day of school (Monday 18th December) the school council would like to hold a Santa Run- £5 for 5! We are asking for children to dress up in Christmas Jumpers, Santa hats, reindeer ears etc. and aim to run or walk 5 laps of our daily mile route around the school. The aim is to raise £5 for 5 laps with half being donated to charity.

The school council recommended three charities to the whole school and they voted to support McMillan Cancer. This project replaces the school calendar idea and gives the school council an opportunity to fundraise for the school ipads we hope to purchase and for charities important to them during the festive season. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to sharing the photos with you on the day!



The Friends Committee from last year had agreed to fund the replacement and updating of sections of our trim trail and we are so grateful to have most of the work completed this week. We are waiting until Monday to use it due to the wet concrete. The final ropes will appear next week. It was a significant cost and so we owe the friends and our community who supported their events a big thank you!



Thank you very much for helping
with our Appeal.

£ 186.80
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely
n. Low
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ 50,000+
Registered Charity No. 219279

Lockdown Practise – Monday 4th December 11.30am

Last term we reported in the newsletter that our Governing body had ratified our Lock Down policy and procedure. We have spent a long time talking to and training staff in this procedure and will be practising with the whole school on Monday 4th December.

The lockdown involves all of the children entering the nearest classroom, sitting in the book corner and having a class story or quiet game while the senior leaders ensure that the site is safe e.g. from loose dogs or foxes from the forest. The children will be run through the procedure in advance but may have questions at home. This will eventually become routinely tested like fire drills are already. If you have any feedback or comments after Monday then please do come and speak with us.



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Christmas Fair Fun!

Thank you to all who helped, attended and organised the Christmas Craft Fair held on Saturday – it was a great success! The stalls sold amazing crafts, the tombola and raffle were well stocked and the turkey rolls delicious! We raised a grand total of £1722.72 which is a brilliant £861.36 per school and are so grateful for everyone's support! We hope you managed to pick up some Christmas presents along the way.



Have you tried...

- handling amounts of money when shopping, working out total costs, working out change, checking receipts.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done school council – hot chocolate Friday raised £45.30 and they will be meeting soon to decide what this is going to be put towards. Thank you to the 90.5 (!) children who bought one today.

Premier Sports Christmas Holiday Club @ CCJ

Premier sports will be running Christmas drop & shop days at Christ Church Juniors, to book a whole day or half day of fun for your child please visit premiersport.org or call 07476032239.

Tues 19th Dec - Gymnastics am / Dodgeball & Hockey pm

Weds 20th Dec - Nerf Combat am / Football pm

Thurs 21st Dec - Gymnastics am / Fencing & Tag Rugby pm

Fri 22nd Dec - Nerf Combat am / Football pm



Collective Worship - Humility

This term in our collective worship we have been considering our value of 'Humility' through a range of bible stories and linking in with other events. We have particularly focussed on the story of Joseph in recent weeks and the humility he showed his brothers when they came to him asking for help. On Monday, Megan and Sophia from Year 6 are going to talk to the school about what happened with the food donated to the homeless last year and then Ted in Year 4 will be encouraging everyone to consider giving a can of soup on one of the days of advent so that we can take them to Pip and Jay's Church to support their soup run. I am so proud of all the children's passion for helping others.

Play Pod: Thank you for the tremendously positive feedback that you keep giving us about how much the children are enjoying the Playpod. A couple of people have asked about children fighting with the scrap. As the point of Playpod is to get children properly playing again, many decide to dress up, create dens or build bases. Sometimes their play extends to being characters from Star Wars or pretend cowboys etc. where they chose to use the scrap as pretend light sabers etc. We think this is important to allow, but we have given the guidance that any 'wars' must be with scrap on scrap and not on bodies. We also monitor it closely and ask anyone who takes this too far to select another game to play. We hope this explains our approach and welcome any parents who'd like to see it in action during a lunchtime to arrange a visit with Miss Friend to come and see it for yourselves!



Attendance

Well done for all the continued focus on attendance – our term 1 was much higher than last year. Thank you as always for your support, it really does make a difference.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

Well done to 5NK who all achieved 98.9%!

