



December News Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

20th December 2018



So, nearly Christmas & the last week of term - what a busy time it has been! We hope you've been able to join us during this last term & that you will continue to do so for more school events in 2019. For those in Y6 please remember NOT to book any holidays in SATs week or during June to ensure statutory assessments can take place for all in Y6.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all parents, pupils, carers & families a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone again after the Christmas break - **school re-opens on Monday, 7th January 2019.**

MAYOR OF GEDLING'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Some lovely news to end the Autumn term – Lillian Cully's beautiful Christmas card design won the annual Mayor of Gedling's Christmas card competition. Lillian, Mrs Willson and Mr & Mrs Cully all attended the Civic Centre for the prize giving ceremony. Congratulations, Lillian on your fantastic design.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TV WORKSHOP

We would like to congratulate Rory McGuinness on successfully auditioning for membership of this well-established TV workshop and to wish him all the best for his acting role in the short independent adult film 'McKinley' which he starts filming in February.

ENTRANCE GATE

The top pedestrian gate opposite the school kitchen will now be closed at all times to ensure the safety of staff and pupils. Please be patient if you have rung the bell. It may be that the reception staff are on the phone, or around school somewhere. We will buzz you in as soon as we are able to!

APPLE CHARGERS

We are hoping that you may be able to help us. If you have any spare Apple device charging cables either with or without plugs, that you are willing to donate to school we would be very grateful to have them, as many of ours have gone astray! Should you have any to donate please bring them in to the school reception to be passed on to Mrs Hunter. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE & CAROLS

Please come and join us at 1.30pm on Friday, 21st December as we celebrate Christmas in a more traditional way with a carol service at St Paul's Church, led by Rev Wendy Murphy. We will be getting into the Christmas mood by singing a few well-known traditional carols that you can join in with. After the service, Parents/Carers can take their children home directly from the Church if they wish to.



PLEDGES

In the Spring Term we will be launching a new and very exciting programme for all our pupils to take part in. All Parents/Carers are invited to a launch event on **Tuesday, 8th January 2019 at 3.15pm** – we do hope you can come along to hear all about this and how you can get involved with your children to help them achieve various award levels. Watch out for a separate letter with more details about all of this.

MORE ABLE LEARNERS

To improve provision for 'more able' learners, and to increase the number of pupils achieving at the Greater Depth Standard (GDS) at the end of Key Stage 2 we have uploaded some videos onto YouTube. These videos will enable parents/carers to gain a better awareness of methods taught at school and to be able to practise these methods with the children at home. To access the videos go to – The Carlton Junior Academy – on YouTube.



PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR & THE AMAZING ADVENT CALENDAR

Thank you to everyone for supporting this annual event, by helping on the day, providing items for the raffle/tombola/cake stall etc... and also for coming along and spending at the event! We've raised around £950 – what a fabulous total! We would also like to express particular thanks to the following companies for providing our PFA with gifts and prizes for the Fair:-

- Tesco
- Morrisons
- Denby Pottery
- Vernon Coaker MP
- Parents – for all the teddies!
- Melanie Gillies
- Skegness Seal Sanctuary
- Enchanted Florist
- Farm Foods
- White Post Farm
- Paul Hill
- Surprised Cakes

We were delighted to see so many parents/carers attending our Christmas Production 'The Amazing Advent Calendar'. Thank you for all the many positive comments we've received from all those who attended and the children really did us proud. Our ticket sales and retiring collections raised £348.72. A big thank you also for all the excellent support you provided with costumes – the whole school looked fabulous in their various outfits and it really added to the visual enjoyment of the performances.

SPORTS NEWS

Our boys' team produced a tremendous performance to win the Gedling Primary Cross Country Championships – congratulations to everyone who took part. Members of this team also took part in three Schools' Cross Country league races.

Our football team were awarded a new football kit from the Premier League Primary Stars programme and played their first match of the season (which sadly we lost). More matches will follow after Christmas and hopefully the team will get back to winning ways!

We are delighted that so many pupils have been attending our after-school table tennis clubs and hope this continues into next term when some children will be taking part in competitive league matches. We're also waiting to hear how our Sports Hall Athletics team have done – we are hoping to qualify for the next stage of competition – watch this space!



FUND RAISING NEWS

During this half-term we have supported several charities raising £408.24 for the annual Children in Need appeal, £91.27 for the annual poppy appeal and £82.25 on Christmas Jumper Day. We also ran the Christmas Tin appeal to donate food to one of our local foodbanks – we received 44kgs of tins! We also collected six Shoeboxes for Rev Wendy. Many thanks to everyone who has supported us with our fundraising efforts and to the Carlton Cabinet for organising a lot of the activities.

A QUICK REMINDER OR TWO!:-

PARKING ON FOXHILL ROAD

We have been made aware of several instances of cars being parked on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates as well as several complaints about parking with absolutely no consideration for our local community. We would remind you that the parking restrictions are there to help protect children from road and traffic issues at key points during the school day and would ask that you remember Foxhill Road is a residential area and homeowners should be able to access their properties!



SHOES NOT TRAINERS

This is becoming a real issue for us again. All children are expected to wear school shoes and not trainers. Our pupils could look really smart but in too many cases their uniform is being let down by their footwear! If your child has been wearing trainers to school recently, please buy some school shoes over the Christmas holiday so that we can see them in correct uniform at the start of 2019. Many thanks for your support with this.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Please be aware our swimming sessions start again on the first day back - Monday, 7th January!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – please note these may change!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 24st December 2018 – 5th January 2019

January

Mon 7 th	First day of Spring Term & SWIMMING RE-STARTS
Tues 8 th	3.15pm – launch of Pledges – all parents/carers invited
Tues 15 th	3.15pm – Y6 Parents' SATs meeting

February

Mon 4 th	Open Evening
Tues 5 th	Internet Safety Day
Weds 6 th	Open Evening
Fri 8 th	Hazel class – poetry recital in Awards Assembly
Thurs 14 th	Valentine's Day lunch with parents/carers



HALF TERM 18th – 22nd February 2019

March

w/c 4 th	Shakespeare week
Weds 6 th	9am Holly class assembly
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day (Book Fair starts for 1 week)
Fri 8 th	Willow class – poetry recital in Awards Assembly
Mon 11 th	TCA arts exhibition opens
Tues 12 th	9am Oak class assembly
Fri 15 th	Comic Relief – Red Nose day
Mon 18 th - 25 th	Bikeability Y6 (tbc)
Fri 22 nd	Rowan class – poetry recital in Awards Assembly
Fri 29 th	Bikeability transition Y6 (tbc)

April

Thurs 4 th	pm Y6 pre-SATs yoga sessions start (final session on Thursday, 9 th May)
Fri 5 th	Silver Birch class poetry recital in Final Awards Assembly (Spring Term)

EASTER HOLIDAY 8th April – 22nd April 2019

April

Tues 23 rd	First day of Summer Term
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May

Mon 6 th	May Day – school closed
Mon 13 th	Y6 SATs week

HALF TERM 27th May – 31st May 2019

June

Mon 10 th	Class photos (REVISED DATE)
Weds 26 th	9am Silver Birch class assembly
Fri 28 th	INSET day – school closed

July

Mon 1 st	INSET day – school closed
Weds 3 rd	Y6 TCA/CLW transition day
Thurs 4 th	am Sports Day
Mon 16 th	Y6 Leavers' Disco 6pm - 8pm
Weds 17 th	Family Afternoon and picnic lunch
Thurs 18 th	2pm - Y6 Leavers' assembly
Fri 19 th	Final Awards Assembly
Mon 22 nd - Weds 24 th	Hagg Farm Y5/6 visit
Thurs 25 th	1 st day of summer holiday



Finally, all the staff wish you a thoroughly enjoyable festive season and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Miss Julie Wardle
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Sharon Wood
Head of School

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