



Please note that school finishes on Wednesday 21st December at 1.15pm for the Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at 8.45am.

Headteacher's Message

This week were all dazzled by the wonderfulness of your children's performances. We hope we have created some lasting memories. The grandparents production went down well and all agreed that it was an event to be repeated. Thank you to the teaching staff for all their hard work.

Thank you very much to the whole team of PTA parents for their continued support throughout the performances and for creating the amazing hampers. There were some very happy people this year (including me!).

On Tuesday we were very lucky to have seven students from Ash Manor come into school and performed Jacqueline and the Beanstalk a short play they had written themselves. It was lovely to see three former students all grown up!

This will be our last newsletter for 2016 so I will take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself and all my staff.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2017.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Christmas Service

IMPORTANT!

Weather permitting, we will be walking all the children to Church for a Christmas Service on 19th December. We will be leaving school at 1.15pm.

During this time the school will be locked and unmanned as all staff will be attending church with the children.



If you are able to help with the walk to church, please let Mrs Thorn know. You do not need to be DBS checked as you will not be left unsupervised with the children.

Children who attend an after school club will be walked back to school by staff.

*If you are not walking to church with the children and they are not going to an after school club, **you will need to collect your child from St Peter's Church at 2.45pm on this day.** Please wait outside the main door until we open it, you can then collect your child and leave through the exit on the left hand side of the church.*

Alien Christmas Decoration Competition

Thank you so much to all the children who contributed their very creative decorations to dress our tree this year. They were all very good and it was hard to choose our favourites! The winners were picked by children the aliens from the play and they were:

- * *Highly commended: Ivan L, Jamie M, Finley D, Noah C, Charlotte O'N, Marrisa M, Mati G.*
- * *Best boy winner: Oscar S*
- * *Best girl winner: Eliza R*
- * *Diamond class winner: Amy K, Sapphire: Addison C, Silver: Blake G, Gold: Lana M, Emerald: Michael E and Ruby: Izzy V.*

These children will receive their prize at our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday. Well done!

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Reindeer Run / Christmas Mufti Day

On **Tuesday 20th December** we will be holding our Reindeer Run. We hope that everyone has been able to put just a little bit into the Phyllis Tuckwell envelopes that were sent home a fortnight ago. If you have lost your envelope you are welcome to use a standard envelope that is clearly labelled with 'Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run'.

All children will be receiving the antlers and noses, but to add to the fun the children may wear home clothes on the day—festive jumpers or colours are especially welcome!

Please ensure that clothing and footwear are suitable for a normal school day. No dressing up costumes please.

Year One Winter Day

On 12th January children in Year One will be celebrating Winter Days. Therefore, we would ask parents to send their child into school dressed in winter colours on this day. These could be shades of blue, grey or white, or any colour that you believe represents winter. Your child may even want to wear something sparkly to represent the frost!

This is a non-school uniform day for Year One children who would like to dress in winter colours.

Reminders for the Spring Term

Please ensure that you send your child to school with the following items on the first day of term:

- ◇ Washed and named P.E. kit (please ensure that plimsolls or trainers fit comfortably)
- ◇ Warm coat
- ◇ Book bags
- ◇ Details of any changes to contact details

REMINDEERS

School Lunches

Week commencing **19th December** we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

Please note that Christmas dinner will be served on Tuesday 20th December for all the children who normally have a school meal on Tuesday week 2 and for those that would normally have a packed lunch but have ordered the Christmas option for this day. Unfortunately we are no longer able to place orders for Christmas lunch as the ingredients have been ordered, so if your child normally has a packed lunch on Tuesday Week 2 and you have not ordered them a Christmas lunch, please supply your child with a packed lunch on this day.

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be on 12th January at 7.30pm in the school staff room.

If you would like to come along and join us, please ring the buzzer on the staff entrance and someone will come and let you in.

It would be lovely to see some old and new faces as we will start planning for the Spring and Summer terms.

Thank you to everyone who has given up their time this term to help to make our events so successful. We could not have done it without you.

Thank You!

Public Health England Epidemiology Programme

Our Community Dentist will be coming in on 4th January to look at the teeth of groups of five year old children attending mainstream schools. The objective of the programme is to help them to plan for better dental services in the future.

In order to do these they have given us a random selection of names of children that they would like to be included in the study and a letter has gone home today to the parents of these children. There will be no treatment provided, it will simply be a quick and painless examination of the child's teeth. All children will still need to visit their own dentist regularly.

If you receive a copy of this letter in your child's book bag, please can you complete it and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Ready to Learn Everyday

This information has been created jointly by NAHT and Family Action to suggest ways parents and carers can encourage children to do their best using praise and reward.

It sounds simple but we all like to be told we are doing well. Everyone's pride and motivation are boosted when someone tells us we are doing a great job. Children and teenagers, hearing this from their parents and carers, will truly want to do better and their self-esteem will increase daily.

No matter how blasé and tough some children can appear, it is rare to meet a child or young person who genuinely does not care what people think. No matter how indifferently they behave towards you, children do take on board the comments of their parents and carers—a few warm words of encouragement for some positive behaviour or after the completion of a task can go a very long way towards affecting a child's whole outlook for the rest of their day. It might give them the boost they need to do the next thing better or improve on what they have already done.

- ◆ Praise your child immediately, it is then meaningful
- ◆ Make sure you have eye contact with your child and smile
- ◆ Be enthusiastic and genuine
- ◆ Use positive words—'wonderful', 'great', 'proud' - and tell your child you are pleased with them
- ◆ Notice the little things your child either does well or without prompting and praise them for it—e.g. making their own bed or putting their clothes in the laundry bin. If you praise your efforts, your child is more likely to seek other ways to please you.



Parental Guidance

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 2	
16th December	Emerald Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
19th December	Christmas Church Service (all year groups). Walkers are needed—no DBS check required. Parents need to collect their child from church unless their child is going to an after school club.	2.00-3.00pm
20th December	School Disco	5.00pm-6.30pm
20th December	School Christmas Lunch for children	
21st December	End of Autumn Term	School closes at 1.10pm
	Spring Term 1	
3rd January	Start of the Spring Term	8.45am
12th January	PTA Meeting in the school staff room	7.30pm
15th January	Deadline for Junior School applications for all Year 2 children	

Dates for your Diary