



25 November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

I have been really inspired this week by the poetry of two different members of our school community. Shreyank brought four amazing acrostic poems which were all about the different seasons. Sue de-G then presented me with a beautiful poem all about her wonderful experiences at Treginnis. It was great to see the thought and care which had gone into each.

As a result, I am asking the wonderful children, and their parents, of our school to create their own poems about anything they like. It could be about family, winter, a pet, a country important to them, anything. I would love to be able to display these around the school to really show off our brilliant writing to anyone who visits. So please send in your poems by the end of term.

This week we said "Goodbye" and "Good Luck" to Emma, who started her maternity leave. We wish you well Emma and can't wait to hear your exciting news!

We have had more complaints from staff at the university with regard to parking this week. Emails have been received with accompanying photographic evidence of poor parking resulting in pedestrians having to use the road instead of the pavement. Please park considerately whilst possibly considering using our Breakfast Club which opens at 8:00am to ease congestion.

Have a great weekend.
Stuart

R. This week the children have begun to innovate 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. They have thought of new animals to replace the bear. In Mathematics the children have been securing their understanding of 'one more than'. Please make sure you have booked a parent/teacher consultation appointment.

1. This week we have been innovating our story of 'Room on the Broom'. We have written a story about a wizard who has a mouse as a pet. We have changed our role play area into a Witch and Wizard's laboratory and are looking forward to making potions! In Maths we have been thinking about addition and using a number line to help us.

Y2. Chestnut Class have been learning all about 'expanded noun phrases' this week. That sounds technical doesn't it? It's one of the new National Curriculum targets, but really it just means that they

have been *describing things*. We've been learning how to make it clear exactly what the 'things' look like - for example, 'a lizard *with a sparkly party hat*'.

Y3. This week in Maths we have been solving problems involving division and multiplication by drawing pictures, creating arrays (ask your child what this is!) and using our knowledge of the timetables.

We have also enjoyed exploring mixing 'hot' and 'cold' colours in an art activity related to our Topic on the 'Active Planet'.

Some children have produced some fabulous stories for homework - it has been lovely to share these with the class.

Y4. This week we have been writing speech for some of the characters from the film 'Zootropolis'. The children have worked hard at remembering the rules for writing speech. In Maths we have been using our multiplication skills to help us with division. We have started to look at how our brain works and learns in order to help us with our learning.

Y5. This has been a treat of a week for us in Year 5! We have really enjoyed the dramatic developments on our class book, and cheered its protagonist Kester Jaynes on as he has made his escape from Spectrum Hall into the wild.

We have begun to consider our self-portraits, which we will be creating soon, using the iconic visual language of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo to inspire us. We have thought about visual clues that tell stories about our personal history and heritage, such as flags, costumes, physical traits, animals from our countries of origin etc.

On Wednesday, we also enjoyed a visit to the Whiteladies Picture House to see the delightful animated film 'Ponyo', which we all really loved.

Y6. Year 6 have been picking apart the story of 'Odysseus and the Cyclops' this week, re-writing this part of the Odyssey both as a story and a playscript.

In Maths they are still enjoying our fractions unit. Whilst in our Topic lessons they have also been getting to grips with different volcano facts, they're excellent amateur volcanologists!

Attendance Update

Data: Monday 21 – Friday 25 November 2016

Rocky the Attendance Dog		Punctuality Polar Bear	
Awarded to Y5 who have managed to reach the school target of 95.88%		Awarded to Y5 who have recorded ZERO late marks for the week – Brilliant Y5! 😊	
Class	% Attendance	Late marks recorded Before close of register (L)	Late marks recorded After close of register (U)
R	70.71%	6	1
1	94.77%	1	0
2	95.37%	4	1
3	95.56%	5	0

4	93.28%	2	0
5	95.88%	0	0
6	94.22%	4	0
169 minutes which is almost 3 hours of missed learning due solely to lateness this week – with the exception of our Y5 class.			

Hello and Welcome

We would like to say a big "Hello" and warmly welcome Kadi and her family to our school community. Kadi started school in KS2 with us earlier this week.

Christmas Steps

Today at 5:30pm the Christmas lights on Christmas Steps are being officially switched on with the usual pomp and festivities.

Pupils from St Michael's are warmly invited to come along to take part in carol singing on the steps. Pupils are encouraged to arrive at the top of the Christmas Steps with their parents from 5:15pm to be ready for a prompt 5:30pm start. (No unaccompanied children). Extended family are also very welcome.

The switching on of the Christmas Steps lights is a very cheering and atmospheric way to start the festive season, and we hope to see many of you there!

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school next week on Wednesday 30 November 2016. The photographer will be available from 8:15am – 8:45am if you would like to bring in siblings that don't attend St. Michael's to have family photos taken.

Full school uniform for children attending St. Michael's is a requirement. Children arriving to school who are not in school uniform will be allocated items from lost property to borrow.

As there is a full timetable planned it is essential that children arrive to school at 8:45am, as we cannot guarantee to allocate a separate time for children who arrive late to school and whose class has already had their photos taken.

Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to last week's non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. Thanks to your generosity we have raised the grand total of £160.41.

Dates for Your Diary

TODAY	Switching on of the Christmas Steps Lights Arrive for 5:15pm for a <u>prompt</u> 5:30pm start.
Tue 29 Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations for YR, Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Please note NOT Y3
Wed 30 Nov	School Photographer in school for Individual and Sibling Photos Full school uniform is a requirement.
Wed 30 Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations for YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Thu 1 Dec	Open Event in Reception Class for: Admission to Reception in September 2017 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Wed 7 Dec	Y3: OUT to the Christmas Experience at the Hope Centre in the afternoon - details to follow.
Wed 7 Dec	Y6: OUT to Bristol University Christmas Chemistry Lecture in the afternoon – details to follow.
Fri 9 Dec	Dress rehearsal for the Foundation Stage & KS1 Christmas Performance (This is for children in school to watch, not parents as you have the opportunity to watch next week) instead of Celebration Assembly.
Mon 12 Dec	Foundation Stage & KS1 Christmas Performance Free for parents/carers however entry is by ticket only. Details to follow.
Mon 12 Dec	The Magic Shoes: After school rehearsal in the school hall from: 3:15pm - 4:30pm ready for tomorrow's performance.
Tues 13 Dec	Foundation Stage & KS1 Christmas Performance Free for parents/carers however entry is by ticket only. Details to follow.
Tues 13 Dec	Chess trip to London for invited children in Y5 & Y6. Full consent required.
Tue 13 Dec	Performance of 'The Magic Shoes' in the school hall during the afternoon – details to follow.
Wed 14 Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thu 15 Dec	Whole School Christmas Service at St. Stephens in the morning – details to follow.
Fri 16 Dec	Carols Around the Tree – a.m. details to follow.
Fri 16 Dec	End of Term 2 – normal time: 3:15pm.
Tue 3 Jan	INSET DAY 3 School closed to all pupils.
Wed 4 Jan	Start of Term 3 – normal time: 8:45am.