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25th November, 2016

Happy Friday!

On Monday morning we had a special Collective Worship. Every adult and child was given a pebble which they brought to the hall with them. We talked about how each pebble is unique, with different colours, light spots, dark spots, cracks and blemishes but each is beautiful in its own right. Philip led a prayer to bless the pebbles and then we all led from the hall to the entrance foyer where the pebbles were placed, one by one, into the bubble bowl that is there. The pebbles represent the people in our school and the gaps in between are (as Leonard Cohen wrote) "where the light gets in" - the light being God's love and our love for one another. Whenever someone joins our family, they will add a pebble and whenever we say goodbye to someone they will take a pebble from the bowl away with them. What was really special about this was how calm and contemplative the children were throughout – a really special school family moment.

Winter Bugs... On a completely different note...unfortunately there do seem to be quite a few bugs around at the moment. Please can I remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last episode. As a parent, I understand how frustrating this can be, especially if your child seems better. However, for the protection of the adults and children in school, for some of whom catching such a bug could have serious implications, please can I ask you to be really respectful of this rule. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Toy collection for vulnerable children....

A massive thank you to everyone who brought in toys for this project. One delivery has already been made to the Salvation Army and the rest will be taken today. Thank you again on behalf of all the children who will benefit from your kindness.

Mrs Scott

Clubs.....Don't forget there is NO Hockey for Years 5 & 6 TODAY and Year 5/6

Hockey will run from 3.35-4.20 pm on Friday 2nd and Friday 9th December, due to failing light.

Deadline for clubs is Friday 9th December, PLEASE get your club applications in by then as we cannot accept any after that date.

There are very few places left in Yoga and Music club, so don't miss out!

Thank you all very much for your patience and understanding with this week's club cancellations. This doesn't happen very often but if it does in future we will try and inform you by 1pm.
Ms Flood

Upcoming trips....

Yr 4 Newbarn Residential visit... Thank you to everyone who has paid their £60 deposit for Newbarn. If you have not yet paid, please note the due date is by Friday 2nd December. If you have any difficulties making this payment, please see Mr Bowman or Ms Flynn as soon as possible.

Yr 5 Bath Abbey visit 5th December....Please give your permission and make a £2.55 payment for this visit by Wednesday 30th November.

Please make all Payments by Parentpay.

Yr 6 visit to The Royal High School on Monday, 28th November....Although no payment is required for this visit, we still need your permission slip back before the visit this coming Monday. If you have not returned it today, please ensure your child brings it to school on Monday morning.
Many thanks.

Spanish Lessons.....Antionietta Hunter who has previously run Spanish Club in school has been in touch and asked for parents who are interested in Spanish lessons for their children to get in touch with her directly via email at antonieta@talktalk.net



Message from the PTA.....Good afternoon, It was a wet wintry night last Thursday, but Phase 1 turned out in force for Book at Bedtime 2016. They were welcomed back to magical classrooms decked out in beautiful fairy lights, roaring log fires and teachers in onesies! It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all. A massive thank you to all who made it possible, especially the teachers for their wonderful storytelling, the super volunteers for serving the refreshments with as much excitement as the children and to Ms Flynn's mum for, once again, producing an astonishing number of delicious teddy bear shaped biscuits. And, finally, a big thank you to all who attended and helped us to raise over £325 for the PTA funds, which will help pay for an author visit for world book day.

Thank you so much to Gillian for making this event run so smoothly, If you've not heard by now the St Ski-phens school Fair is Dec 3rd 2-5pm. We have loads of exciting things planned, so please don't forget to sign up to various doodle polls to help. We would like some volunteers to help sell Raffle tickets on the day as we have some fab prizes. Pplease get in touch with Emily emily@brightermedia.co.uk if you can offer 1/2 an hour, we really need all your help to make this a great day!

Don't forget to get your Christmas tree orders in to nicolaanderman@hotmail.co.uk by 1st December!

Thank you all for your support. See you at the fair.

Sarah

Scruffy Church has arrived!.....A new service for those that find Sunday mornings difficult. Scruffy church is for families, and will be on the fourth Sunday of each month. Here are the details:

Scruffy Church.

4pm in the Centre.

Tea is served about 4.45pm

Over by 5.30.

Songs, story, activity, and quiet reflection.

See you there! Philip

Coming up in December.....

3rd – PTA School Fair 2 – 5 pm

6th - Phase 1 Dress Rehearsal

7th - Phase 1 Nativity Performance 10am - parents of Classes 1, 3 & 5

8th - Phase 1 Nativity Performance 10am - parents of Classes 2, 4 & 6

9th - Phase 1 Nativity Performance 10am - parents of Classes 7 & 8

12th EYFS/Y2 Christmas Party pm

13th – Reception Maths Open Afternoon 1.30 to 3pm

13th - Y1/Y3 Christmas Party pm

13th - Phase 2 Christmas Concert 6pm – 7 pm at Church

14th - Carols by Candlelight 6pm -7pm at school

15th-Y4/Y5 Christmas Party pm

16th - Y6 Christmas Party pm

16th - End of Term Service at Church 9.45am

16th – End of Term

(Please note bold entries are new additions to the list)

**Congratulations to this week's
Mathletic achievers.....**

Another Gold, well done! I wonder who will be next!

Ciara Galvin (Gold!)

Zack Dear

Beau Holland (Silver!)

Emma John

Amelia Lay

Sofia Baxter

Sophie Gittens

Olivia Lay

Rose Taylor

Emily Willis

George Willis

Beatrice Peacock

Eva Blanchard

Jack Bowra

Florence Cooney

Sinead Cox

Aila Fereday

Nicholas Greensmith

Eliza Gustard

George Warden (Silver!)

Charlotte Willis

Allegra Zaccolo-Bailey

Leo Wakefield

Monty Wilson

Becky Baxter

Sophia Castro-Harrington

Jasper Gittens

Connie Hopkins

Oscar Taylor

Lynden Bradley-Cong

Ana Champion

India Cooper (Silver!)

Babafemi Taiwo

Milo Young

Fraser Young

