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Happy Christmas!
Term ends at 1pm on
Wednesday 20th December

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Term re-starts on
Thursday 4th January
2018

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Music is so powerful! What a wonderful Christmas treat we had on Thursday afternoon! It has been such a joy to see and hear music strengthen as a subject in the school. Our choir have grown in number and sang some beautiful Christmas songs and carols to us. They showed a range of talent in solos as well as singing together; with stillness and then with lively actions!

It was wonderful to see the growing skill of individual musicians. Treating us to a wonderful Christmas medley were the group of children from years 4– 6 who have been having clarinet lessons and played together.

Thank you to all the families who came along to encourage the children and show their appreciation. We were also joined by some of the residents from St Mary's Court, who now visit us twice per year for an afternoon's entertainment. Huge thanks to Mrs Smith and to Ronnie from HT church for all their wonderful work with the choir and

musicians. It was another wonderful occasion.



Other Christmas events to look forward to:

Monday 18th December 2017
Year 3 will lead the Christmas service in Holy Trinity church on Monday the 18th of December at 2p.m.

Christmas Dinner and PFOS Gift day 19th December.

This is another very special day of excitement for the children. (All of the dinners have been booked and paid for, as have the PFOS Gifts). Children may wear non uniform clothes, including Christmas jumpers if they have them and would like to wear them.

Term ends on Wednesday 20th December at 1pm. Children wear uniform but may bring

games to play with their friends. Please make sure that children are collected on time.

Pine class assembly

Pine class showed a clear understanding of what it means to be fair in their assembly today. Introducing their audience to the ever growing Fairtrade symbol and the meaning behind it, as well as showcasing how hard they have worked to make sure children in school are aware of it through their learning in PSHE and DT via their products for the Eco fair. The children also presented examples of their writing through letters of complaint outlining unfair service in restaurants. Their North American studies also highlighted some fantastic and wonderful facts, tying in pilgrimage and how special places have special meanings and how they effect people in different ways. Well done Pine for an insightful and thought-provoking assembly!

Use of social media

Every school works hard to provide a high standard of education and care for the children. It is good to recognise this and to take time to give encouragement. Equally, when there are concerns or questions, we expect that people raise their concerns with us. This is part of seeking to provide an education and take good care of the children. Everyone has a right to be heard. We welcome parents coming in

Golden Book

Year 3: Freddie Moody for producing excellent spelling homework every week and Alfie Elliott for excellent effort in maths.

Year 4: Natalie Ajayi, Joseph Jones, Anishka Vijaya, Attila Koszti, Evie Clubb, Annabelle Bullock & Lauren Varney for working extremely hard on their Sutton Hoo posters. Meryem Baysal for speaking confidently in front of the whole class and Lexi Brady for working independently on reflecting symmetrical shapes. Rishi-Cole Dunn for knowing all his times tables and always trying his best in class, Luka Lukasanec & Attila Koszti

for always making good choices in school and being a great role model, and also Sebastian Burrowes for his amazing contribution in English and sharing creating some great similes. Mrs Brodie & Mrs Collins would like to say well done to all of Oak class for their outstanding sound projects which were very impressive.

Year 5: Connie Jones for clearly explaining text about the moon's different phases.

Year 6: Emily Carn, Josei Kobayashi, Samuel Bryant, Alex White, Stephanie Sparshott, Kay Friedman, Tyler Arnold,

Louie Poule, Ben Harris, Xanthe Watson, Harrison Adams, Olivia Baddeley, Rupee Hough, Perry Best, Ashton Taylor, Luke Butuyuyu, Savannah Nyarko, Scarlet Wadey, Harry Bradley, Aimee Lai, Ajay Surendran, Milan Taylor, Anishka Dhankani, Vinnie Tume, Chafik Aziz and Gracie Clubb for creating creative and well thought out WW2 projects.

Choir: Abigail Taylor, Aldrick Rutaremwa, Alfie Keane, Alice Donnelly, Ami Briggs, Anishka Kumar, Ariel Fernando-Pulle, Chloe Parkyn, Darcey Whaley Continued overleaf

Thinking Board

Reflective question:

When have I put myself before others?
 In a board game- Gracie- Y6 Holly
 What five words do you think best describe you?

Funny, calm, curious, quiet and out going - Zoe- Y6- Pine

Why is it hard to say sorry?

Because it's not easy to admit something you have done- Izzy- Y4 Spruce
 No one guessed the mystery photo.

Next weeks

RQ-What do you love about Christmas?

What is the most important lesson to learn as a child?

Other news...

to talk to us to share concerns and work together to solve problems and make things better for the children. This is the norm.

If issues are shared on social media without being shared with the school, this exacerbates the problem, and does not solve it. From time to time we become aware of issues being on Facebook that have not even been discussed with us. This is the case with an apparent post about schools meals. The catering company is aware.

When the catering company started their contract, as it was a new company, there were some concerns from parents. We held meetings and tastings, etc. and we resolved the issues. If other issues have arisen, then please contact the school office to come and talk so that we have a full understanding of what needs to be dealt with. This is the fair way to approach the issue. Thank you.

Want to be a Rock Star?

Earlier this term, as part of a drive to improve knowledge of times tables, we introduced a new IT programme called Times Tables Rock Stars. Each child can have their own 'Rock Star name' and can work through various stages of stardom... until at last...they become the ultimate Rock Star! EVERY child in Spruce and Elm have engaged with this, which is superb.

Overall, 96% of Year 4 are using the programme, 90% of Year 6, but only 58% of Year 3 and 56% of Year 5! Come on Year 3 and 5...get your guitars out and play your way to fame (and great times tables knowledge)!

Golden book continued—choir: Eleanor Coyne, Emily Walker, Emma Pradais, Estella Clarke, Eva Murray, Freddie & Samuel Whitter, George Fowler, Izzy Spencer, Joseph Jones, Kamira Hagan, Katie O'Connor, Layla Hafsi, Lujain Plowman, Mia Phillips, Oscar Verlander, Sebastian Burrowes, Sienna Lucey and Zeyad Barghout.

Instrumentalists: Oscar Verlander (violin), Noura Haq, Joseph Jones, Nicole Choong & Sam Bryant (piano), Georgia Alger, Ewan Carter-Donald, Eleanor Coyne, Isla Kirk, Dillan Symonds, Hana Brown, Efu Essel, Kay Friedman, Connie Jones, Riya Patel & Xanthe Watson (clarinets). **Well Done Everyone!**

Infectious illness: Please make sure that you inform the office if your child has an infectious illness such as chicken pox, measles, slapped cheek.



Inset days for 17-18
Wednesday 3rd January
2018

Friday 25th May 2018
Monday 23rd July 2018

Year 3 will lead the Christmas service in Holy Trinity church on Monday the 18th of December at 2p.m.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED GLASSES WHICH COULD HELP VISION AID OVERSEAS

Holy Trinity Church are collecting unwanted glasses, so please bring them in to school where we will collect them up for the church—there is a box in our reception area. Thank you

In Church - You are welcome to attend the services in Holy Trinity, St Patrick's or Springfield church on a Sunday morning—all of which start at 10.30a.m. and St Patrick's also have a family service at 4pm

Reminders

Lateness in the morning and at pick-up Every minute of the day is carefully planned to maximise learning opportunities. Please make sure that children arrive at school on time. There are children who are also persistently late being picked up. Parents will now be sent a warning letter if their child is collected after 3.45pm. After three warning letters, reminding of the system, a fine of £5 will be charged to parents on ParentPay. This will offset staff supervision costs.

LOST PROPERTY Please name all of your children's belongings and come in and look for items your child has lost before or after school—located in the corridor outside Elm class

Illness: Please remember that if children are ill with sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until 48 hours after ceasing to have these symptoms. We are also reminding children about the importance of hand washing. Thank you for your co-operation.

IMPORTANT: medicines must not be sent into school with children under any circumstances. If your child needs to take medicine during the day, please bring it to the office with a completed medicine form. This form can be downloaded from our website or obtained from the office.

NUTS—please note that nuts should not be sent in to school under any circumstances since we have children who are very sensitive to them and can have severe allergic reactions.

Healthy snacks—please can children bring only fruit for snacks at play time. Thank you.

Newsletters

The newsletter comes out every Friday and will go on the school website for you to look at. All copies of letters also go on the website.

Tissues and glue Please can all children bring their own named glue stick to school and a box of tissues. Many thanks for your help. It would be a big help to the stock and budget, benefitting everyone. Thank you.

NB Dogs must not be brought on to the school site