

3rd November 2017

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise...Kingfisher class Multiplication!

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Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive a Headteacher's award:

**Charlie W, Ellie S, William M
and Edie C**

Olympic Values Trophy

For respect, excellence and friendship in sport, our trophy winners are...

**Olivia H, Joni M, Chloe-Ella C
and Finn H**

Home Learner of the Week

In assembly we presented **Ashton W** with the home learner award for his fabulous weather and activity diary and nature watch home learning. Well done Ashton.



Poppies and other merchandise, including the ever popular **wristbands**, are available in school for **donations of between 50p or £1**

Welcome back to the start of the new half term.

Winter weather has been kind to us so far but during the next few weeks we expect that the weather to get much colder. Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school and, if wearing boots on the way to school, that they have school shoes in order change when inside the building. We are sensitive to the changing weather conditions but most days the children will be learning outside at some point.

The date for submitting **applications for secondary school** has now closed (31st October). If you have not completed a form in order to secure your child a place at the secondary school of your choice you will need to apply using a paper application form. This application will be considered as a late application. Telephone the admissions team on 0345 045 1370 for more support.

The window for **applying for a place for a 4 year old** at primary school opens on the 16th November 2017 until the 15th January 2018.

You can apply online or complete a paper application form. A guide to applying for a place at school is available for you to download on the home page of the school website. Please do not leave completing the application until close to the deadline as **late applications are considered after all first places have been offered**. We are more than happy to offer help in completing your application.

Important Announcements

Our **school photographer** will be attending the school on Friday 17th November to take individual and family photos A reminder will be sent out to parents nearer the time with full details.

Kingfisher class would like all donations of **shoe boxes for their creative activities**. All donations to Kingfisher class by Wednesday next week.

We welcome our new Maths teacher **Mrs Rebecca Jordan** who will be teaching some **Year 4 and 5** Maths sessions.

On Parent Consultation evenings your child can be entertained at Lookout club for £1 including a drink and snack. Look out (no pun intended) for a booking form attached to this email.

Diary Dates

November

Tuesday 7th **Swallow** Fitzwilliam visit

Tuesday 14th High 5's netball at MVC

Wednesday 15th Parents Evening

Thursday 16th Children in Need

Pyjama Day

Thursday 16th Parents Evening

Friday 17th School Photos

Friday 24th KS2 Egyptian Assembly for Parents 9am

Friday 24th Flu Immunisation

December

Friday 1st Decoration Day

Wednesday 6th Nativity

Performance

Thursday 7th Nativity Performance 6pm

Tuesday 12th KS 2 Church Concert

Thursday 14th Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

Friday 15th Puppet show.

Tuesday 19th Last Day of Term

January

Wednesday 3rd School closed for staff training

Thursday 4th Spring Term begins



Our Junior Travel Ambassadors receiving their awards this week.



Parent Partnership

It's time again to search out your **login details** for your Starz+ parent account. This weekend we are asking you to log in and check your account by using our parent's evening booking system. A support video is available on our school website news page to help you (bottom left on the home page).

Book your appointments on Tuesday at drop off and collection time with Mrs Howard at the front of school.

Children in Need

The School Council would like to invite children, parents and staff to wear their **sleepwear** & bring a teddy to school for BBC Children in Need! All we ask is that you make a suggested donation of £1 to this worthwhile charity.

The School Council are also planning one or two surprise competitions and contests that children will need some small change (no more than 50p) to enter — please send your children into school with small change in a named purse or envelope if they would like to take part.

Our CHILDREN in NEED DAY is THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER.

Don't forget to dress up warmly (e.g. dressing gown and slippers)!

Decoration Day

Come to school on Friday 1st December dressed in your **Christmas jumper**. In exchange for this, we ask you to bring in a jam jar for the children's raffle filled with sweets, toy cars etc.

For those parents new to school, our usual school timetable is put on hold as the children spend the day working in mixed class groups in order to decorate the school for Christmas.

If you don't mind a bit of glitter and glue and would like to help **please come and join us**. If you can help either all day or a half day please let the office know in advance. We look forward to welcoming you.

Xmas raffles

The Christmas Hamper is always a great fundraiser, but we need your help. If every family could donate just one item to the hamper raffle prizes, we can make something really special for our winners. It could be you! Donate a new item in the colour chosen by each class, for example Cadburys chocolate for the Jay class Purple themed box. This year's class colours are:

Robin - red Jay - purple Kingfisher - green

Swallow – gold Chaffinch - silver Woodpecker – blue

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 1st December from 3-4pm in the School Hall.