



HEADTEACHER NEWS LETTER

Wednesday 20th December

*In this season of Advent, inspire us to be a people of hope.
Encourage us not be greedy for material possessions but for justice and truth.
Enflame us with a love for others which crosses boundaries of race, religion and nationality.
Stir within us a desire to fight for the integrity of creation and appreciate the immense beauty of this earth.
Be with us Lord, at this time, that we may be a people of hope.*

Susy Brouard/CAFOD

We have enjoyed a wonderful range of different Christmas activities over the past few weeks.

Pupils in Year 2 and Reception classes presented the Christmas story to a delighted audience – Year 2 chose a classic retelling of the Nativity; Reception pupils partied with 4 year old Jesus celebrating His birth ‘Happy Birthday Jesus!’ All four performances were carefully crafted and pupils had worked very hard to remember numerous lines. Both presentations have been filmed and will be available to purchase from the PTA very soon (parents will be notified by email). Our youngest – Nursery – pupils performed a mini-Christmas show to parents and Year 1 enjoyed carols in class with families.

The Christmas pantomime shows were greeted with hoots of laughter and delight and great fun was had by all (*‘oh yes it was!’*). Harrison's did not disappoint and prepared a tasty traditional Christmas lunch - pupils were waited on by staff and PTA parents. Thanks to all volunteers for helping us to serve just under 600 lunches!

The school choir is always busy at this time of year - pupils performed at the Ealing Music Festival Carol Service, Westfield Shopping Centre and visited St. David's Home and Chestnut Lodge. Thank you to Mr. Brown, Mrs. Dupuy and Mr. Gristwood for leading and organizing.

One of the highlights of the school's Christmas programme was the **Junior Carol Service at Ealing Abbey**. Each group of performers gave of their best (including the staff singers!) – the congregation enjoyed carols sung by the choir, ‘Silent Night’ from the orchestra, class carols and pupil readings against a back drop of Nativity scenes. Our particular thanks go to Mr. Brown and Mr. Gristwood and Mrs. Dupuy for preparing this event.



**Our busy term has come to an end and on behalf of all staff,
I wish pupils, their families and all the friends of our school a restful, holy Christmas.**

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3rd January.

REMINDERS / NOTICES :

Revised start of day procedures for January

In order to improve start of day and safeguarding procedures for our youngest pupils, the following changes will be in place from **January 2018**:

EARLY YEARS (Nursery & Reception)

Early Years parents/carers will need to use the main school entrance to access the school (there will be no access to the Reception/Nursery area from Westmoreland Place Gate)

Early Years entrance gate will be open to parents/carers of Reception and Nursery pupils at 8.30 am with a member of staff on duty. **Parents will be asked to wait in the playground with their child/ren.**

Nursery pupils will go into class from 8.30 am.

Reception pupils will go into class from 8.40 am.

Parents will not be permitted to access classrooms and are requested to leave the playground promptly once their child/ren are in class. All children must stand with their parents (including younger siblings) and should not be permitted to play with the resources which will have been prepared for learning activities.

Teachers will not be available to speak to parents before school. Urgent messages should be communicated by note. **The children's safety is our first priority.**

The Early Years gate will be locked at 9am and pupils arriving after this time, will need to report as 'late arrival' at the School Office.

KEY STAGE 1 (Years 1 & 2)

KS1 pupils (who arrive at the main school entrance) will no longer use the Early Years playground route into school in the morning.

They will take the KS2 route to access their classrooms.

The gate will be opened at 8.40 am with a member of staff on duty (including Fridays).

Parents are not permitted to access the school site.

During the first week back, extra staff will be on duty to familiarize KS1 pupils with their new route to class.

KS1/KS2 pupils will continue to have access to their classrooms via the Westmoreland Place Gate (change only affects Early Years).

KEY STAGE 2 (Years 3-6)

No change.

There will be no change to end of day procedures.

Notice to Basket-Ball players – Peter Giles (coach) has broken his hip following a fall from his bike on Tuesday.

The club will be suspended until further notice. Let us keep Peter in our thoughts and prayers.

After-school Polish Club – please see attached letters in English and Polish regarding club updates for Spring term.