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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°14)
13th December 2019
Information in brief:

- Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' today. We raised £168.74 that will be sent to Save the Children in due course. It was good to see so many children and staff dressed in their best Christmas jumpers. Please note that children can wear their Christmas jumpers all next week if they wish.
- Sarah Dudley, an ex-member of staff, is running in the London Marathon in April 2020 and came into school last week to sell cakes to raise money for Cancer Research. Well done to Molly Sheppard, Riley Adams, Sofia Iglesias Cuquejo, Nicole Cushing and Imogen Evans-Holmes for helping to sell the cakes with Mrs Dudley and raise £85 for the charity.
- As you know, the Yr6 children have been taking part in an entrepreneurial enterprise for the past two weeks as part of their SCARF learning. Each group of children were given £5 to try and make a profit from various sales that took place the last couple of weeks. I intend to give you an update next as we end the Autumn Term. However, there are two events to flag up for next week. A group of children will be selling 'Sweet Slime' (sweets and slime) next Tuesday 17th December 2019 in the library. A group of boys have been selling doughnuts at their local rugby club. On the last day of term they will be selling doughnuts from the African Hut in the small playground from 1.30pm as children leave the school for the start of the Christmas holidays.
- This week we saw the wonderful Christmas Performances of Yr3 and Yr4. Both year groups played to a packed, and I do mean packed, house. It was lovely to hear all the positive comments as you left the hall… clearly we all thought the children were wonderful.
- Congratulations to the Yr3 choir. They opened the Fernhill Secondary School Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening (11th December 2019) to rave reviews. Thank you to Mrs Gray for organising this opportunity. Guillemont have been invited back for another performance at their summer concert. I attended the rehearsal in the afternoon and was very proud of the children. They were all very confident and brilliant ambassadors for the school.
- Reminder that next Wednesday 18th December 2019 the school nurse will be in school to measure the height and weight of the Yr6 children.
- The Yr5 and Yr6 Christmas Performances will be on Tuesday 17th December 2019 and Thursday 19th December 2019 respectively at 7pm in the hall. Please note that there will only be space in the hall for 2 tickets per family. Grandparents and other family members will be able to come along to the dress rehearsal which will take place at 1.30pm in the afternoon of the evening Performance. No tickets are required for the dress rehearsal. Please keep the evening tickets safe as you will need them to gain entry.
- Next Wednesday 18th December 2019 the children and staff will be having their Christmas lunch. The lowers will have their meal at 11.30am and the uppers will have their meal at 12.15pm in the hall, which will be decorated by the lunchtime supervisors and catering team.
- Today (Friday) we had the FOG (PTA) Christmas Craft Factory. I was told that nearly 240 children have made gifts today. There is a photograph below.
- Next week we will be sending out a list of important dates for the Spring Term for your diaries/notice boards/fridge.
- We will be sending out a list of all the clubs and activities next week that we will be offering during the Spring Term. Please complete and return this form even if your child is going to continue with a particular club/activity. All clubs and activities will start again the week beginning Monday 13th January 2020 unless otherwise indicated on the letter.
- Yr6 booster lessons will continue straight after the Christmas break from Wednesday 8th January 2020. There has been some confusion regarding collecting children after booster lessons. I will be sending home a slip so that if you want your child to walk/cycle home, then we can release them

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after the lesson. However, if we feel that cycles are un-roadworthy, we will call you to collect them; they need high-viz clothes, good lights and a helmet.

- Next Friday will be a games morning in class. Please do not bring any games into school as these will be provided by school. We break up for Christmas at 1.30pm next Friday 20th December 2019.
- Congratulations to the children that received the Guillemont Award this week. The following children received the certificates in the achievement assembly today:
  - James Lock CW
  - Isabelle Ruby-Campbell CW
  - Lucy Kempson MP
  - Bruce Crombie MP
  - Tom Robinson ZI
  - Tayla Richardson ZI
  - Arthur Gomes EW
  - Joshua Durbridge EW
  - Mya Joshi EK
  - Harvey Wroot EK
  - Freya Hawkes AL
  - Lois Gaines AL
  - Sophie Widdas DB
  - Connor Bond DB
  - Jake Watts LM
  - Florence Williams LM
  - Max Westley MC
  - Miruna Turcanu MC
  - Alby Hood LA
  - Hetty Stewart LA
  - Sophie Findlay SD
  - Lily Jansen SD
  - Ratika Jobanputra KL
  - Nia Silver KL
  - Caitlin McCormack KT
  - Archie Llewellyn KT

Best wishes

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Attendance checker:

Class	9th – 13th December 2019	
LM	99.2	100.0
AL	99.2	99.2
KT	99.1	99.1
CW	98.3	98.3
KL	97.7	97.7
EK	95.8	95.8
LA	95.7	96.6
MP	95.2	95.2
SD	94.8	95.7
ZI	94.4	95.4
MC	94.4	95.4
DB	91.7	93.8
EW	87.5	87.5
Totals	96.0	96.5