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December 16th 013

Friday is the last day
of term – we finish at
the normal time.

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We've had an action packed few weeks and with just a couple of days left until the end of term, I wanted to give you an update on everything that's going on before we break up.

Well done Children!

We do hope you managed to get to see the Infant and Junior Christmas performances which took place last week. The children did an amazing job and should be very proud of themselves. A particular well done to the juniors who continued to sing through the technical hitches of the afternoon performance, which meant that there was no backing music or words for them to follow. The continued like true professionals! Thanks to all of the staff who worked so very hard behind the scenes to make these shows happen. DVDs of the performances are available for you to purchase for £6 each.



A reminder.....

The Early Years performance takes place this Tuesday at 10am.

The Best Christmas Dinner Ever.....

A **BIG** thank you to the kitchen staff for the delicious Christmas dinner, which they prepared for over 400 children and adults! We all sat down at the same time too which was probably about 390 more people than I have ever cooked for all in one go! It was certainly the best school dinner I have ever had - the quality and quantities were superb.



Christmas Shopping for the children!



Thanks for your support with our first PTA event. Over 140 children are taking part this Wednesday. It's looking to be a great success and is certainly something we'll do again next year.

Friday's Fire Evacuation

We had an unplanned fire evacuation on Friday afternoon which was, fortunately, a false alarm. The children were incredibly sensible throughout the evacuation, particularly as some of them were in their PE kits. Well done children.

Introducing the Applegarth Dancers.....

Come along and watch the children who attend our dance club show off their talents on **Wednesday 18th December** (Junior dancers) and **Thursday 19th December** (Infant dancers). Both performances are at 10.15am.



Building Work Update

There's not much more to update you with at the moment as the excavation continues and the concreting of the foundations takes place. Please continue to let us know if you have any concerns or issues related to this work so that we can deal with them immediately.

Staff News...Staff News...Staff News... Staff News....

We say farewell to Mrs Macdonald, Miss Daemi and Mr Wright at the end of the autumn term as they leave to pursue other things and to Mrs Cloud who leaves to have a baby! Mr Craig is going to spend some time at Gonville Academy before returning to us in February. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best for the future.

Joining us in January, we have Miss Moore, who will join the Year 5 team as a teacher and Mr Squires who will be teaching 4K from January. Miss Wadham-Powell will be returning to a class based role as teacher to 3I. Welcome to Mrs Gerraghty who is joining the Reception team as a Teaching Assistant.

Bike Theft..... Sadly, we had three bikes stolen from the school during the night a few weeks ago. Two of the bikes have been recovered but one is still missing. Please always ensure your bike is locked into one of the cycle storage racks to minimise the chances of this happening again.

Our First Football Win!



It's Official! STEP has been chosen to sponsor a new school at Spices Yard, in Croydon. For more information about this exciting new development please follow the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bt-mossbourne-academy-and-the-harris-federation-named-among-sponsors-of-new-academies>

Well done to the Applegarth Football Team for winning 2-0 against Selsdon Primary School. We are very pleased with our new kit which has been sponsored by LJE Modular Building Maintenance. Not all of the team are pictured above; we are missing a few key players but will make sure we get a photo of them soon!

*Have a lovely Christmas everyone!
We hope 2014 will be a fantastic year for you and look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 7th January.*

Return this slip & your child will be entered into a prize draw!

December 16th 2013 Newsletter Comments:

Signed..... (parent of.....class.....

