

Dear Parents / Carers



Nativities

I would like to say a huge well done to the children in KS1, Reception and Nursery. The nativities were fantastic and a lovely way to prepare us in readiness for Christmas. The acting, speaking and singing was wonderful. Thank you to the staff who worked so hard to make these events special and to those of you who were able to attend and your generosity, which we will pass onto Keech Cottage.

Mass Times - CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Vincent's Confessions following 10am Mass
20:30 Carols followed by Mass at 21:00.

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Vincent's 11:00 Mass

BOXING DAY

St. Vincent's 10:00 Mass

Choir events

The school choir on Tuesday 4th December sang at Morrisons and on Wednesday 12th December they sang at Johnson's Court. Yet again they were excellent representatives of the school. The children presented a Christmas hamper to the residents of Johnson's Court.

Christmas festivities

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas dinner, thank you to Lauren and the kitchen staff for providing a wonderful meal. On Friday 14th December the children proudly showed off their Christmas Jumpers which is a charity event in aid of save the children. If you still wish to donate please send these in to the school office by Friday 21st December.

On Thursday 20th December the children will enjoy the pantomime 'The Snow Queen' and are also looking forward to our final Service together in the church this year. Please do join us if you can at 1.30pm on Friday 21st December.

Free school meals

The qualifying benefits to receive free school meals for children in Year 3 and over are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

Please call us on 0300 300 8306 or look on the Central Bedfordshire website for further details. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- Dates of birth for your children
- If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

My Maths

We aware that there has been log in issues with the pupils' accessing My-Maths online. We have raised this with the provider and hope to have this resolved early in the New Year.

Pupil Forum

All children took part in a pupil forum last month. This was an opportunity for all pupils to tell us what works well in the school and what improvements they would like to see. We have looked at their responses and will be meeting with the school council in January to discuss changes we will make in light of their suggestions.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire on Survey Monkey. Your thoughts and comments are valued and we will reflect on these as we try to improve the education experience for your children. If you have not had the opportunity to complete the questionnaire please do so before the closing date of 21st December. I would really appreciate your feedback and we will have the opportunity to discuss these at the parent forum on January 10th at 6pm.

I hope you have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 7th January 2019** (Nursery – Tuesday 8th January).

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong
Head Teacher

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