



The Pilgrim Post



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are into the Christmas season already. Today, classes have been busy making decorations for their classrooms and on Monday our school Christmas card postal service will start. In the next two weeks, there are lots of Christmas events going on in school so please take time to read the dates on the reverse of this newsletter, especially to see when our Christmas performances are taking place.

A new event for this year is our KS2 Christmas Carol Concert. This will be in the last Thursday of term in the evening (6.00 pm) in our main hall and will involve a brass band to accompany the children singing. We hope as many of our KS2 children as possible will return to school in the evening to perform to parents and help us get into the Christmas spirit. A letter will be coming home next week with more details, but please save the date!

This week has been a week of performances. I was invited on Wednesday to the TR2 theatre space to watch a performance by our children who have been attending the theatre Royal 'Dare to Dazzle' workshops. I was proud to see our children working with pupils from other local schools, using puppets and words to tell their stories. Today, our Year 5 Dolphins gave a great performance in our celebration assembly, showing off their writing, singing and ukulele playing skills. It was great to see such a confident and polished performance; a lovely end to the week!

Have a good (and hopefully warmer) weekend,

Mrs Meek



Pilgrim Christmas Market stall

Just a reminder that our Christmas market Stall will be in the centre of town on **MONDAY 12th DECEMBER**. Please support our school by visiting and buying some of our Christmas craft!

Star Writer

Year 1

Simon T, Roxy H

Year 2

Lucas A, Lucas S-J

Year 3

Mohammed A-S, Logan S

Year 4

Siana N

Year 5

Alice B

Year 6

Joseph O-B

Star Mathematician

Year 1

Lexi C, Maisie F

Year 2

Maddison B, Yasmin M

Year 3

Avin R, Lucy W

Year 4

Tolouse S

Year 5

Sophie C

Year 6

Kimberley C

Pat on the Back

Year 1

Tommie M-C, Alessia L

Year 2

Liam E, Maria R

Year 3

Renato G, Nabaa A-O

Year 4

Daniel D-J

Year 5

Kerry B

Year 6

Tille G

Attendance - Our Target is **96.3 %**

Week Ending 2nd December 2016	Whole School Attendance	Best Class Attendance	Best Class Punctuality
Last Week	97.2%	Year 4 Lions 99.3%	Year 6 Eagles (2 lates)
Year to Date	95.9%	Year 6 Eagles 97.9%	Year 6 Eagles (13 lates)

Frosty Early Mornings...

Whilst we are in this cold snap, please be aware that **the playground equipment is very slippery** first thing in the morning and we would advise that you do not let your children climb on it when you come into the playground before 8.50 a.m.

I have spoken to the children about this in assembly today but for those parents who allow their children to bring themselves to school, I would ask that you reinforce this message at home –many thanks.



Cleaning Vacancies (£8.25 per hour)

We are looking to recruit **two new cleaners** to join our friendly team starting in January. Duties include general cleaning of classrooms, offices, corridors and washrooms. Training will be given if necessary. Required to work 38 weeks (10 hours per week, 3.15pm- 5.15pm Monday to Friday) plus a week's intensive clean in the summer holidays.

If you are interested, please download and complete an application form from our website www.pilgrimprimaryschool and return it to the School Office by **Monday 12 December**.

Appointment is subject to enhanced DBS employment checks and suitability.



Dates for your Diary...



Coming Events

KS1 Parents Christmas Performance: Thursday 8th December (2 pm) OR Friday 9th December (9.30 am)

Foundation Parents Christmas Performance: Tuesday 13th December (2pm)

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 15th December

KS2 Evening Christmas Carol Concert: Thursday 15th December (6pm – main school hall)

Last day of Autumn Term: Friday 16th December

Dates for the New Year

Start of Term for Pupils: Tuesday 3rd January

**Assemblies: 13/01/17 – Year 1 Seastars
27/01/17 – Year 1 Seahorses**

Non Pupil day: Friday 10th February

Half Term: Monday 13th – Friday 17th February