



A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-HEADTEACHERS...

A very happy new year to you all.

We know that very many of our staff, children and their families had their Christmas celebrations curtailed by COVID infections which started early in the School holidays. As infection rates across the area remain so high, we are grateful to you all for your diligence and efforts in protecting those around you.

The children have returned to School with their usual combination of excitement and unbounded energy. For any of us starting the new year in a more sluggish fashion, returning to School and being surrounded by a real 'joie de vie' has picked us up and we have already been swept along on a wave of enthusiasm and anticipation of what this term will bring.

As we start January, our core value changes to 'Honesty' and we invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage linked to this value. *'The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'* John 1 verse 14.



Best wishes
Sharon Saunders and
Hannah Browning
Co-Headteachers





We are delighted this week to welcome two new Orchard members of staff, Mrs Amanda Hausmann and Mrs Melanie Divall.

In addition, Mrs Shead (formerly Miss Chivers) has returned to School after her maternity leave. She will be in School one day each week as SEND Teacher.

GOLDEN BOOK CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following children who received Golden Book certificates at the end of Term2.

YEAR R

Joel H
Emily J
Jemima B
Eve S

YEAR 1

India B
Barnaby L
Maddie R
Sophie Y
Grayson Y

YEAR 2

Lola B
Skye L
Eleanor B
Joshua Y

YEAR 3

Georgia B
James T
Henry F
Sophie A

YEAR 4

Sycamore Whole Class—
for singing beautifully in the
Carol Service

Holly Whole Class—for
fantastic Roman Day and
singing in the Carol Service

Felicity L
Chloe A
Adas W

YEAR 5

Teddy A
Evie B
Melba S-L
Jaydan O-L

YEAR 6

Elm Whole Class—fantastic DT
project work

Oak Whole Class—great
resilience and DT project work

Maya H-B
Max C
Piers N
Javier O-T



THANK YOU

Very many thanks to those of you who contributed to our Christmas electronic 'withdrawal' collection in aid of FOM. £164.50 was raised. We know that this will be much appreciated by the children in the Orphanage in Dondo, Mozambique.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our thanks and congratulations to Mrs Wyatt, who has now been appointed as Head of Early Years.



YEAR 4 ROMAN DAY

In the last week of Term 2, Year 4 took part in a Roman Day. This special event was the culmination of their learning on this topic. They began the day by playing Roman games such as rota, knucklebones and yo-yos. Later they created their own trebuchets (catapults) and enjoyed a hard-fought competition to see which could launch a 'missile' the furthest. Continuing with a creative theme, the children went on to compose some Roman-inspired music, designed Roman clothing, performed a Roman dance and finished the day with a Roman feast!

The Year 4 team would like to thank the parent volunteers who enabled the day to take place; their enthusiasm was positively infectious!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



On the last Tuesday of Term 2, the whole School enjoyed Christmas lunch. Our thanks to our wonderful caterers for a delicious meal and to our PTA for providing every child with a cracker.

COVID UPDATE

We can confirm that we have cases of COVID in Years 1, 2, 3 and 5. Please note that these cases are children continuing isolation from the Christmas holidays and that we have had no new confirmed cases of COVID in School since the start of term.

Going forward should the numbers rise to 5 or above in any one class, the parents of the relevant class will be informed.

HEAD LICE

We have been informed of a case of head lice in Year 2. Please can we ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair and treat accordingly.

For more information on how to treat head lice, please click [here](#)

CHRISTMAS PANTO



On the last day of term before the start of the Christmas holiday, the pantomime came to School. M&M Productions' version of Sleeping Beauty was delivered to an audience of children in the School Hall with it being streamed live to other year groups who watched it in their classrooms.

DIARY DATES

All diary dates can also be found on the Lady Boswell's website under Parents>Calendar.

	TERM 3 —DIARY DATES		TERM 4—DIARY DATES
	Parent Prayer Meetings—Fridays at 2.30pm—meet at School Office		Parent Prayer Meetings—Fridays at 2.30pm—meet at School Office
	Term 3 swimming —Copper Beech, Sycamore and Holly Classes		Term 4 swimming—Silver Birch, Sycamore and Holly Classes
10/1/22	8.00am Cut off for parents to apply for School Clubs—for details please see Parentmail 4/1/22	21/2/22	Inset Day
17/1/22	Primary School Application process closes	22/2/22	School Book Fortnight starts—more information to follow
24/1/22	Schools Club start	2/3/22	9.10am Lent Service led by Year 5—more information to follow
2/2/22	6pm RULER Parent Webinar—details to follow	3/3/22	World Book Day—more information to follow
11/2/22	Last day of Term 3	3/3/22	Vision & NCMP Screening for Year R and Year 6 children
		4, 7 & 8/3/22	Travelling Book Fair—more information to follow
		10/3/22	Bentley Photographic—Class Photos
		25/3/22	9.10am Mothers' Day Service led by Year 1—more information to follow
		25/3/22	School clubs finish
		29/3/22	Easter Service in School for KS1 children (children only)
		30/3/22	10.00am KS2 Easter Service—St Nicholas Church. Information to follow
		1/4/22	'Break the Rules Day' - more information to follow
		1/4/22	Last day of Term 4





First Aid for Families

Would you like to know:

- The emergency procedure and making an emergency phone call?
- How to place a casualty into the recovery position?
- How to use the primary survey?
- How to recognise and treat choking?
- How to treat and monitor bleeding, minor bruising and burns?
- How to practise cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)?

This course is for you!

Venue: Virtual via zoom

Date: 3 -week course starting Tuesday 25th January 2022

Time: 10am-12pm

To book a place please email westkentchildrenscentre@kent.gov.uk

Please kindly note this is an adult only course.

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

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