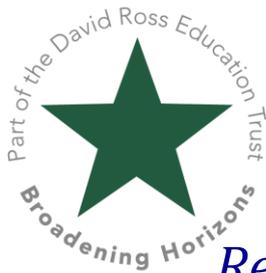
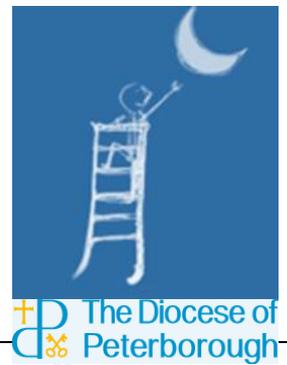




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MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 2, Edition 7. Week ending 7th December 2018

Dear Parents

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!" Many thanks to Mrs McCarthy-Dixon for the donation of our real Christmas Tree which is situated in the Hall. As all the pupils go into practise their plays for the end of term they look down the hall and see it at the other end looking and smelling great. It is also lovely to hear Christmas songs coming out of classrooms and the Hall as the various classes prepare and try and contain their excitement. I notice that Squirrels have even got an Elf on the Shelf in their classroom. So the whole place has a lovely feel to it as we canter towards Christmas.

Good luck to all those who are about to perform on the stage at the end of this term. I know a few will be anxious about it all but performing and speaking in public is a vital skill that we work on here at MAPS and overcoming those nerves will only happen by repeatedly performing. It was very reassuring to see all of Year 4 perform in the recent poetry recital. Each pupil memorised a poem and then performed it in front of a large audience. Not only does this demonstrate their finesse in public speaking but it also exercises parts of the mind that deal with recall. So it is an excellent skill all round. They all did a great job, and the smiles afterwards were testimony to their feeling of success. Well done.

Finally, our new offer for After School Clubs goes out today. Please do follow the directions on the letter about how to apply for a club, as it is a different process this time around. We will close the bookings just before we come back in January, but we do operate a first come first served basis. There are two different gymnastics clubs next term to cater for the demand.

Next Term starts on Monday January 7th 2019.

Many thanks for your support, and do have a very happy holidays and a Merry Christmas.

Simon

Christmas Productions: Can parents please arrive in plenty of time for the productions. You will have booked your seats via the parents evening booking system which we will print out and highlight your arrival so please allow time for us to complete this task. Online bookings have now closed.

Any late arrivals will not be allowed entry as this disrupts the children performing.

CLUBS / Important Dates

NO CLUBS DUE TO CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Mon 10th December

- 6pm KS1 performance

Tuesday 11th December

- 9am and 6pm KS1 Christmas Performance
- 5pm Reception Performance

Wednesday 12th December

- 9.15am Reception performance

Thursday 13th December

- Looking Glass Theatre performing to the children
- 2.30pm Year 4 Christmas Assembly

Friday 14th December

- Year 2 to UON for a pantomime

Monday 17th December

- Christmas Dinner
- 2.30pm Carol Service at All Saints Church all of Y3 and the Y4 choir

Tuesday 18th December

Wednesday 19th December

- 1.30pm Carol Service at the Holy Trinity Church. Year R and Year 1
- 2.15pm Carol Service at the Holy Trinity Church. Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 20th December

- End of Term School closes 1.30pm

Year 4 Poetry Recital: It was lovely to see our Year 4's growing in confidence as they recited a poem from memory in front of parents this week. What a great skill to have. A huge thank you to all the parents who came to watch, without the support of the parents we would not be able to have events like these.

Strings performance: Again, another superb performance from the Year 3 strings project. A reminder that if your child would like to continue to learn an instrument you will need to complete the form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Attendance: Attendance seems to be dipping at the beginning and the end of the week. This has been flagged across the trust as an ongoing issue. Please can you encourage your children to be in school every day. I have attached a couple of leaflets to the website and the app with further guidance on illnesses in schools. Please take a look.

Bookbags: We now have the correct, blue, large bookbags in stock! These are available to buy through parentpay.

Christmas Dinner: Please remember to book your child for Christmas dinner on Monday 17th December by THIS MONDAY. All children booked in for a sandwich or jacket option on that day will receive a main turkey meal unless you inform us otherwise.



Community Litter Pick: Ruby Cliff, Ben Peet & Freddie braved the cold & attended the litter pick on Sunday. They worked so hard bless them! 2 sacks of litter each. Many thanks to the children and parents for doing that little bit extra for the community.

Thanks you: A special mention to the Friends of MAPS. Having seen an article about a local scout group who had suffered a car break resulting in their Christmas hampers being stolen or destroyed, the Friends of MAPS kindly offered to donate some of your fabulous donations to this worthy cause. A huge thank you to all the children who donated items for the hampers last week – there are some great prizes to be won at the Christmas Event this afternoon!

★ Stars of the Session ★

Reception		
	Quinn in Robins for his excellent writing	Connie in Sparrows for a sensible attitude in all areas of her learning and behaviour
Year 1		
	Rya in Hedgehogs for his positive attitude towards his learning	Freddie in Squirrels for gaining in confidence and having a go
Year 2		
	Lucy in Lions: Her attitude in class is exemplary and as a Learning Lead, she was outstanding.	Emmanuel in Badgers for his consistent effort to try his best. He keeps positive even when things get difficult.
Year 3		
	Noah in Lions for perseverance in handwriting and huge progression in Maths and English.	Djasep in Tigers for perseverance with his times tables in maths
Year 4		
	Joshua in Leopards for his hard work and particular effort with spelling.	Lyla in Panthers class for her increased confidence, hard work and fantastic creative writing

Well done to all of you for your vast efforts over the last 2 weeks.

Put in that extra effort and perhaps you could be the next star of the session?