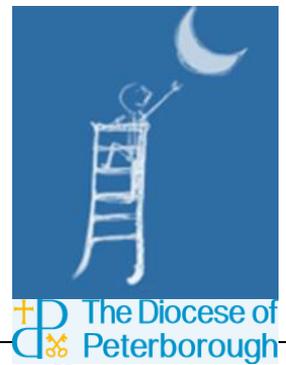




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MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 2, Edition 8. Week ending 20th December 2018

Dear Parents

All my hard working and talented staff would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas. I have been showing prospective parents around the school today amid Christmas parties singing and glitter everywhere. Whilst it was certainly not military like – it did represent a smashing atmosphere of children really loving school and enjoying being here with their friends. I always think that if we get the atmosphere right, the learning tends to follow. It has been a very happy last week or so. I hope you have enjoyed seeing your children perform in either the DRET Carol Concert in All Saints in the centre of town or our own Christmas Services at Holy Trinity. It is particularly gratifying to see the pupils really blossom with confidence and start to enjoy their performances in front of large crowds. Great lessons for life!

As we start to Hoover up all the glitter, please be mindful of my message that I've given the children and parents several times: it really is important to continue to read over the break. It is a great opportunity for you to cuddle up with them and listen to them read and help them with some of those tricky words. Do ask them questions of their reading too, to check they are understanding their reading and not just going through the motions of reading out loud. This will allow us to hit the ground running in January and build on the progress of this term, rather than have to go back and revisit it again and lose valuable time.

A few timely reminders:

1 Please do make sure you sign up for the after school clubs should you wish to do so. (via the parents evening button on the My Ed app). Booking close on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

2 Next Term starts on Monday January 7th 2019 – lessons start at 8.40am – so please make sure you are on time. It is often a battle on the first morning – so best plan for this!

3 Please use the holiday time to ensure all uniform is up to date. Too many were coming in with inappropriate school shoes and without ties etc. Also many shirts were too small for the children which meant they were permanently untucked, and the top button would not do up.

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

Simon

CLUBS / Important

Dates

- Monday 7th January
- Chess Club (y1-4)
- Coding Club (y3-4)
- Choir (y3-4)
- Gymnastics (y1-2)
- Hockey (y2-4)
- Tuesday 8th January
- Soccer (y1-2)
- Tag Rugby (y2-4)
- Wednesday 9th January
- Drama (y3-4)
- Soccer (y3-4)
- Cross Country (y2-4)
- Gymnastics (y3-4)
- Thursday 10th January
- Book Club (y3-4)
- Motor skills (reception)
- Dodge ball (y2-4)
- Friday 11th January
- Monday 14th January
- Chess Club (y1-4)
- Coding Club (y3-4)
- Choir (y3-4)
- Gymnastics (y1-2)
- Hockey (y2-4)
- Tuesday 15th January
- Soccer (y1-2)
- Tag Rugby (y2-4)
- Wednesday 16th January
- Drama (y3-4)
- Soccer (y3-4)
- Cross Country (y2-4)
- Gymnastics (y3-4)
- Thursday 17th January
- Book Club (y3-4)
- Motor skills (reception)
- Dodge ball (y2-4)
- Friday 18th January

Science Enrichment opportunity: It was lovely watching the Year 4's experience a science lesson at Malcolm Arnold Academy this week. There were snakes and Bunsen burners! Thanks to MAA for allowing us this experience.



Congratulations to MacArthur House for winning this term's special pebble award – a huge chocolate cake to share!



Goodbye: Today we say a very sad farewell to Mrs Sheard who has been with MAPS from day 1. We wish her well in her new role at Little Harrowden Primary. You will be amazing!

We also say farewell to Mrs Peart who is broadening her horizons in a few different areas.

We wish them both the best of luck. From all at MAPS.

A few reminders for the new year:

Children must be in school on time. There are a lot of children arriving late which disrupts learning. Please can this be a new year's resolution for you all!

If your child is too poorly to attend, you must call / text the school in the morning and EVERY morning they are off school.

Lunches: Lunches must be booked by Midnight on Monday 31st December for the first week back at school.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. See you in 2019!

