



CUDHAM
CE Primary School

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December Newsletter 2017

Message from the Head of School

We are fast approaching the end of a very busy but productive term. Children have worked extremely hard and we have seen some fantastic progress, especially in maths and writing. It has been wonderful to see how well the children are doing in their reading races and it has been a pleasure to award so many Red Teds in Reception.

Next week, sees the start of Christmas performance week. The children and staff have been rehearsing and working hard to ensure that their performances are polished and ready to impress our wonderful audiences. I would like to thank all the parents who have helped us with costumes and the learning of lines. We obviously have some very artistic parents amongst us! The money for the tickets will be shared between our local hospital's neo-natal unit and the Children's Society.

We are also very excited for our annual trip to the Churchill Theatre in Bromley. As you can appreciate, the trip requires a huge amount of organisation and I would like to thank all our parents who helped us by promptly returning the slips and Mrs Corneille, who has worked tirelessly to make sure the trip is a success!

Can I also remind parents that we have a Twitter account, in which I update on a regular basis with all our news. If you don't have Twitter, you can catch our live Twitter feed on the bottom of our front page on our web site. You can find us **@cudhamprimary**.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, pupils and the Aquinas Advisory Council, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing all the children back on **Wednesday 3rd January**.

Mrs Sophie Sear

Head of School

Our whole school attendance, from 5th September until 1st December is **95.6%.**

We have 22 children who currently have 100%! Well done!

Please continue to support your child's education and well-being by making sure they come to school every day.





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Maths Week and Anti-bullying Week Reports

Maths week by Merlin Class

During the week commencing 13th November 2017, the school held a Maths Week. Throughout this week, we tackled challenging maths problems and activities, such as 'The Fidget Spinner Mystery'. On the Thursday, the 'Problem Solving Company' visited us and entertained us with some fun, yet very challenging activities. One of our favourites was putting a giant multi-coloured cube together (see photo). Key Stage 2 also participated in a 'Maths Trail'; some of the questions were nearly impossible (eg. 'How many quadrilaterals can you see from the playground?'), but we gave it our best shot. We look forward to next year's Maths Week!



Three of our Year 6's engrossed in problem solving!

Friendship Week (Anti-bullying Week) by Hawk

This year's theme for Friendship Week was 'All different, all equal'. We started the week by wearing odd socks to show this. Each class did friendship activities throughout the week.

In Hawk Class we did an activity called 'Secret Friend'. We all picked a name out of the hat and we had to be a friend to that person all week. We also made our secret friend a poster to tell them why we thought they were special. At the end of the week we had to guess who our secret friend was.

We also learnt about cyber bullying and what makes a good friend.

We had a great week!

Hawk Class



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Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you to all our children who wowed visitors to Cudham Church with their homemade Christmas trees. We also had a whole school tree, which we decorated with all our prayers and wishes for Christmas. Some of the children's prayers were incredibly thoughtful and a true reflection of the Christian character that we promote within our school. All photos were uploaded to our school Twitter account [@cudhamprimary](#)

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Every Friday, we come together as a school to celebrate children's achievements in class and for embodying our school values and expectations. Children are nominated by members of staff in their classes and they receive a gold sticker and certificate on Fridays.

Celebrating our Wonderful Children!

Classes	Achievement Board for September
Kingfisher	Freddie, Dolly, Elsie, Lennie, Rupert, Agnes-Fleur, Alexander and Annelise.
Robin	The whole of Robin for amazing improvement in reading. Gracie, Charlie, Caroline, Luke, Jake, Henry and Ria.
Hawk	Allegra, Charlee, Evie, Harrison, Teddy, Charlotte and Leo.
Merlin	Toby, Harrison, Danny, Luca, Alex, Olivia, Mia and Jonathan.



Thank You FOCs!

A **huge thank you** to Paula Freeman, her wonderful FOCs team, Mr Baverstock and Santa (you know who you are!) for their efforts in creating a magical Christmas grotto. It was lovely to see such happy and excited children!

Spring Term Clubs

We have prepared our clubs' timetable for the Spring Term and you may have noticed that we have a new fencing club starting on Wednesday's before school. Today, in order to give children a taster of what fencing is really like, the children were extremely fortunate to have an actual **fencing Olympian and 11 times British champion**, James Beevers, take the taster session. Letters will be appearing in book bags and in your email inbox to gauge interest. Please see today's Twitter page [@cudhamprimary](#).

En garde! Robin Class having a go at fencing!





Cudham CE Primary – Clubs Spring Term

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Fitness Carousel SATs Booster	Problem Solving and Team Games	Netball Y3-6
Tuesday	Fitness Carousel	Jamie's Gym	Ball Skills YR-2
Wednesday	Fencing SATs Booster	Young Leaders – supported by Crystal Palace coach	Football (Crystal Palace) Judo
Thursday	SATs Booster Fitness Carousel	KS1 Gymnastic training (invite only)	Choir
Friday		Young Leaders	

Parking

Our parking trial was a success and we are still awaiting the results of our parking survey. If you have not completed it please could I ask you to click on the link below and help us by sharing your views.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDFCV6G>

Could I also take this opportunity to remind parents not to park in the space in between Foal farm entrance and Cherry Lodge Golf Club during drop off. By doing so it's creating a hazard for cars who need that space to turn after morning drop off.

And finally...prayer of the month...

Today in the news, it was sadly announced that 130,000 of our children will wake up homeless on Christmas day, so can we all spare a thought and a prayer for all those children during our Christmas celebrations...

Dear God,

Watch over your children,

Especially those with no homes to return to at the end of long and weary days.

Protect them from all harm and keep them from despair.

Open the hearts and eyes of those of us with blessings to share.

Help us to help those who are vulnerable and in need during this special time

Amen.

Please also find a link below to the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal for those of you who wish to take part:

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal>

