



NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 6/12/2018

Diary Dates:

10/12/18	Action Plan Meeting for Parents 6pm
12/12/18	Joint Concert at Edwinstree 6:30pm
13/12/18	Y5 Christingle
14/12/18	Y5/Y6 Charity Disco 6pm-8pm
14/12/18	Christmas Jumper Day
17/12/18	Deadline for SENIOR CITIZENS Christmas Boxes of Joy
17/12/18	7R & 7F Visit Museum of London- 8am
20/12/18	Big Christmas Knit
21/12/18	Service at St Mary's Church Aspenden
21/12/18	End of term 2:30pm finish
7/1/19	Spring Term
4/2/19	Young Voices at the O2
13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6

CEOPS – Please be Aware

One of our Year 6 students was contacted by an unknown source during their game playing and asked for their contact details. He used his internet training to inform his Parents who contacted CEOP's to report the incident. Please be aware if your child does not have privacy settings on all their devices, they are open to contact by strangers and are at risk.

Action Plan Meeting for Parents – 10/12/18

We will be holding an Action Plan Meeting for Parents on 10/12/18 at 6pm. This meeting is for any Parent who is interested in the plan to address the next steps raised by Ofsted. We will shortly publish a parent friendly version of the school Action Plan so that you can hold us to account for the areas we still need to improve on.

Christmas Concert 12/12/18

Tickets are now available from school reception for concert performers, please note after Monday, tickets will be available to everyone. If your child is in the concert please ensure you have reserved your tickets by the end of Monday.

Music news

Choir and Orchestra have had their last rehearsals of the year. Rehearsals will begin the week we start back.

PE Kit

An entire named PE kit has gone missing, please check that your child has not brought the wrong PE kit home by mistake – Thank you

Christmas Jumper Day 14/12/18 - No donations necessary: just bring sparkle. Please

note this does not require you to purchase a jumper unless you wish to do so, tinsel stuck on is fine. Students can wear non-school uniform for the remainder of their outfit!

Y5/Y6 Christmas Disco on Friday 14th December

Freman College students are organising an Y5/Y6 Christmas party disco to raise funds for their Dragon's Den competition. Tickets will be on sale from Friday of this week at **£2.50** each. Please note: no mobile phone will be accepted into the disco and no 'heelies' are to be worn. The event will take place from **6pm-8pm** and we hope your child will take the opportunity to have fun. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis from Monday 10/12/18. During the disco drinks will be free of charge, however there will be a selection of sweets and sparkly items to purchase.

Traditional Christmas Lunch on 21/12/18

Our traditional Christmas dinner will take place on the last day of term, however there will be no Wednesday Roast on 19/12/18, a usual Friday choice will be offered instead. The cost of the meal is £2.55 and payment can be made on the School Gateway title 'Christmas lunch' or by cash in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name.

Year 5

A Christingle service with the Reverend Hill will be held for Year 5s on 13th December. Our Year 5s behaved impeccably for the Image Musical Theatre Company who visited the school this week for a performance of Pinocchio

Year 6

Please be aware the Head of Year and Senior Team are discovering a series of Whatsapp and Instagram groups within Year 6 that continue to swear, threaten and use homophobic language with each other. Please check your child's apps to make sure they are not in these groups. The school will take any involvement seriously and students are at risk of exclusion if they are involved. Please note that both these sites have an age restriction of 16years and are not permissible to children in Year 6. Year 6 were commended on their good behaviour and enthusiasm when they attended a performance of Pinocchio by the Image Musical Theatre.

Year 7 Visit to the Museum of London

Despite the torrential down pour during the Geography section of the Humanities trip, our

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Year 7 behaved impeccably and engaged in both the Museum of London exploration of human development through time, and Tour of the River Thames and its management. Please note the written work due to be carried out at the Thames was abandoned as it was too wet and will take place in a lesson prior to the end of term. A few parents queried our judgement to release our students on the South Bank to explore the Christmas markets and café's by themselves. We would like to reassure you, that prior to their release, we stationed an adult member of staff at both the exit and entrance to the area we designated. We distributed 7 members of staff and parents between 48 students and we circulated for the entire time. The area we chose had no roads, and was designated safe it was around 400 metres in length. The Head of History and the Headteacher had visited the area to access the risk prior to the trip. We both felt that allowing our students in Year 7 a little independence was important in their development and something Secondary school visits would do automatically. We do take your advice on board and will make sure this is clear on the visit letter next time.

How do I prepare my child for the advent season at Edwinstree?

As we explore the theme of Advent and the values of Joy, Peace, Love and Hope we are keen to explore the true meaning of Christmas the joy and giving. You will already be aware that we are asking you to provide a very small joyful edible treat for our senior citizens in the community. The deadline for gifts is Monday 17th December. Whatever you decide to give as your family, please make sure it is something you relish at Christmas and if you have a chance, a label explaining why you gave this gift, the messages were really appreciated by our senior citizens last year.

As you buy your gifts are your plastic bags mounting up despite your best efforts? Can you help us? From Monday students will be asked to bring in as many old plastic bags as possible, to help us bring hope to the Homeless community. On 20th December during the school day, students and staff will weave the bags into homeless mats to give to charity. A hyper link accompanies this article so that you can see what we are doing! Wish us luck. It takes 500 plastic bags makes one adult size mat, so the more you can give us the better, but please don't go and buy any! Click on the link for more information

[crochet advice and tips and web.](#)

On the last day of term, we will be walking the school to St Mary's Church in Aspenden for our annual Christmas service with Reverend Ian Hill. If you are available, we would very much appreciate parents' support by walking the students to and from St Mary's Church. On the way back, we will be offering students a break at St Peter's Church for hot chocolate and a Christmas biscuit. Like last year, we are calling on the huge array of bakers to help support us in providing biscuits for the day. Bakers can drop these off at reception either the day before or on the last morning of term by 9am.

Thank you for your patience with us and the Advent. We hope your child has fun, while remembering the humility within the Christmas message, enjoys the opportunity to give and help others.

Please make sure you have signed your child's ROA on Page 3 and written clear instructions stating who will collect your child in the event of an emergency school closure. Thank you

**Jo Gant
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