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Now we are in December I can officially use the C' word! Christmas is definitely on its way. We have a choir going to Claydon House to sing on Saturday 10^{th} December. This should be a lovely event which everyone can go to. There are all sorts of things going on at Claydon House from 3pm onwards, so if you would like to get onto the Christmas spirit and join us, do come along.

Make sure to check the diary at the back of the newsletter for all the up and coming events.

The Nativity is well under way now and sounds wonderful. We hope you can join us in the afternoon or the evening to watch it. We have been asked to contribute to the cost of heating and lighting the church this year so there will be a collection after the performances if you would like to donate.

As most of you will have heard we have wonderful news of Mrs O'Brien's pregnancy. She hopes to work up until February which is lovely for the children. As soon as her maternity cover is appointed we will let you know. We are all very excited about the first Twyford School baby in a very long time.

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Lime Tree Court to sing carols to the residents on Thursday 15^{th} December. They really look forward I our visit and love to sing along. It is also an opportunity for us to be out in the community and sharing what we do in school.

Next week we have a music company coming in to talk to the children about learning various instruments. We are hoping to start individual music lessons for guitar, drumming, wind instruments and possibly percussion from January depending on the interest. Look out for the flyer next week with all the details.

The last two days of term are really busy. On Monday 19th December the PTFA will be providing lunch for all the children in school. This is prepared and cooked by the PTFA and is usually a wonderful school occasion. We are all looking forward to it. Children can come in their party clothes for the day. We might even be having a special visitor!

On Tuesday 20^{th} December children can come to school in their Christmas jumpers for a £1 donation to the Save the Children charity. School will be closing at 1.30pm on the last day of term. The school bus will collect the children who normally travel on the bus at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster Headteacher



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TWYFORD C OF E SCHOOL



Warmly invites you to join us for,

Hey Ewe!

A baa-rilliant Nativity Musical

Tuesday 13th December 2016 2.00pm and 6.30pm

St.Mary's Church, Church Street, Twyford

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NATIVITY ARRANGEMENTS

Letters have been sent home this week with details of costumes and timings. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher who will be able to help you.

Nursery children who would not normally be in school on a Tuesday should arrive at Nursery at 1.15pm on 13th December.

For the evening performance please could all the children arrive at 6.15pm so that the children can be changed into their costumes. Please do not arrive before 6pm

There will be a collection held at the end of the Nativity. This will be used to help cover the costs of heating the church for our performances if you would like to make a contribution.

PHONICS SUPPPORT SESSIONS

Reception Parents - There will be no more Phonic Support Sessions now until after the Christmas Holiday. Miss



Chilton will resume these sessions on a Monday afternoon from 3.00pm -3.15pm in the school hall from 23rd January 2017.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who donated on Friday 18th November. We raised an incredible £256.55 which has been passed onto the charity.

POPPY APPEAL



The Royal British Legion have informed us that Twyford School collected £180.63 for the Poppy Appeal this year.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed and to all the children who took part in the collection selling poppies and bracelets.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

As we mentioned in the last newsletter costs are going up in school and we are looking for ways to save money. One way, which is also better for the environment, is to send newsletters out via email.

In the last newsletter we asked for your thoughts on an email only delivery, a mixture of email/hard copy or a hard copy only delivery. So far 32% of parents have responded. If you would still like to contribute to the discussion there is a tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter. This will be your last chance to let us know which method of newsletter delivery you would prefer.

Copies of newsletters are always available via the school website www.twyfordschool.org.uk.

LOST PROPERTY

Please name all of your child's clothing as it makes it much easier to reunite lost items with their owner.

There is a box in the school foyer for lost property items. Anything left in Lost Property at the end of term will go into the Second Hand Uniform sale or into the textile recycling bin.

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

There is now a box for nearly new uniform in the school foyer. You are welcome to take items from the box in return for a donation to school funds. Please pass your donation to the school office.

If you have any outgrown uniform in good clean condition we would appreciate you putting it in the box.



THE CHARLES POPE MEMORIAL TRUST

We have been made aware of a local trust which supports children from Aylesbury Vale with grants to support musical education.

The Charles Pope Memorial Trust is a grant awarding, charitable body, operating in the Aylesbury Vale area for the benefit of music students of all ages.

Small grants are available to assist with the cost of musical education, including tuition fees, instruments, musical scores and books.

Applications will need the support of a referee, normally a music tutor or other music professional.

More information and application forms can be downloaded from the trust's website at www.cpmtrust.co.uk



This half term we will be making Christmas Decorations. We are looking for donations of clean jam jars, unused tea lights, metal coat hangers and natural decorations, i.e. dried apple and orange slices, cinnamon sticks, cloves, holly branches, fir cones, fir tree branches and ivy. We will be starting our Christmas decorations on 23rd November so if you are able to provide any of these items would you bring them into school on 20th November.

Outdoor learning dates for the Autumn 2016 term are:

07/12/16 Year 5 & 6 Christmas Decorations

Outdoor learning dates for the Spring 2017 term are:

11/01/17	Reception	Snow art/Clay art
18/01/17	Year 1 & 2	Snow art/Clay art
25/01/17	Year 3 & 4	Snow art/Clay art
01/02/17	Year 5 & 6	Snow art/Clay art
08/02/17	Reception	Den Building
22/02/17	Year 1 & 2	Den Building
01/03/17	Year 3 & 4	Den Building
08/03/17	Year 5 & 6	Bird Boxes / Wild Meadow
15/03/17	Reception	Bird Boxes / Wild Meadow
22/03/17	Year 1 & 2	Bird Boxes / Wild Meadow
29/03/17	Year 3 & 4	Bird Boxes / Wild Meadow

Please could the children have suitable clothing for being outside for these sessions, wellies are always a good idea and warm/waterproof clothing. Outdoor learning sessions take place straight after lunchtime.

TAPESTRY



Parents in Nursery and Reception who use the Tapestry online journal will need to access the system via a new website in future, www.tapestryjournal.com as the Tapestry system has been updated.

Those accessing the programme via an App should not notice any change but may need to update the app if it hasn't been set for automatic updates.

User names and passwords remain the same. Please let us know if you have any difficulty accessing the journal.

HOT LUNCHES

Please return orders by 9am on <u>Tuesday</u> for the following week. If possible please order for the whole half term.

Order forms for lunches and the menu for the term are available via the school website www.twyfordschool.org.uk or from the school office.

<u>ALLERGEN ADVICE</u> - If you have any concerns about the ingredients in any of the meals you can contact Chartwells Customer Care Line for advice. Please note that the meals are all nut free.

If you need to cancel your child's lunches due to illness please call Chartwells Customer Care Line on 01908 615705 each day of your child's absence. A credit note is issued from the second day of absence.

SICKNESS

Please remember that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea we have a **48 hour** absence policy. This is in line with government recommendations and is crucial to avoid the spread of illness.

Please contact us to let us know your child won't be in and then you will need to send a letter with your child when they return.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

If you would like to discuss your child's eligibility for school transport please contact the Buckinghamshire County Council Admissions team on



01296 383250 or email admissions@buckscc.gov.uk who will be able to assist you.

Children become eligible to use the school bus on the term after their 5^{th} birthday.



RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS



STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2012 AND 31 AUGUST 2013?

Application deadline is 3pm 16 January 2017

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from 7 November 2016. Visit our website www.buckscc.gov.uk to apply for a school place.

You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

Helpful information about starting school for the first time is in the 'Starting School and Moving to Junior School' guide for parents which will be available on the web from the end of October.

If you cannot apply online you can fill out a paper application form.

Open days for primary school are available now on our website at www.buckscc.gov.uk

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS IMPORTANT DEADLINE



DEADLINE! This is the latest date to submit your

The important dates for the process are as follows;

16/01/17	online application (Buckinghamshire residents only); you have until 3pm. If you are posting your application it must reach Buckinghamshire County Council by 3pm
29/01/17	DEADLINE! The latest date for moving into or within Buckinghamshire (and providing evidence that you are resident) for us to use this address for the first round of allocations. Final date for agreed special cases to be considered as timely (moving house is not considered to be a special case).
18/04/17	If you have applied online you can login to see which school your child has been offered. You will also

EMERGENCY CASCADE

receive an email.

In the rare event of the school having to close unexpectedly in an emergency, we will use an emergency telephone cascade. This cascade enables the school to contact all parents very quickly. You will be contacted by a member of staff who will advise what the situation is. In the event of severe weather, information may also be given out on MIX '96, the local radio station and the Buckinghamshire County Council website.

If you change your phone number please let us know.

TRANSPORT FOR BUCKS

Transport for Buckinghamshire's gritters Salty, Daisy and Snowdrop have retired. TfB's new gritters are currently nameless and they need to find the perfect name. So TfB have asked for your help!

Send them your original ideas and they'll pick three winners. The winning names will be emblazoned onto the gritter lorries as they make their way around the county making Buckinghamshire's roads safer. You'll also be able to track them by name online when they're out and about salting the roads.

For some inspiration, the current list of names includes. Alfie the Grit, Mitten, Mr Sprinkle, Rosie Cheeks, Ice Breaker, Ice Queen, Grace, The Mighty Thaw, Abominable, Dave, Frostbite, Gritter Bug, Melting Max, Betty and Grittannia.

Please email entries to <u>gritternames@buckscc.gov.uk</u>
Closing date: Midnight Monday 19th December

PREMIER SPORT CLUBS - FROM JANUARY 2017

Twyford CofE School Extra Curricular Clubs



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Premier Education Group has been providing schools, children and parents with innovative programmes and initiatives for over sixteen years. Established in 1999, we provide a wide range of services to schools and communities across the UK.

We are pleased to inform you that we will be running a range of clubs this Spring term at the school for boys/girls of all abilities. These can be booked online very simply and only 20 spaces are available for each club; allocated on first come first served.

Day	Sport	Time	Number of sessions	Price	Ages
Tuesday	Archery	15:30- 16:30	11 sessions in total	£47.85 (£4.35 per session)	Open to Y1-3
Wednesday	Gymnastics	15:30- 16:30	11 sessions in total	£49.85 (£4.35 + £2 for badge)	Open to Y1-6
Friday	Football	15:30- 16:30	11 sessions in total	£47.85 (£4.35 per session)	Open to Y3-6
Club starts week beginning Mon 9th January and finish week ending Mon 27th March					

To book your child's place follow these simple steps!

- 1. Visit www.premiersport.org
- Search your school name in 'Find an activity'
- Click 'Book Now' on the appropriate course and complete your details
 Once booked, email confirmation will be automatically sent through

Please note booking closes on the day of the course – should you wish to join once the course has started you will need to call 01296 620097 or email akempton@premiersport.org



















The PTFA try to keep in touch with the parents and carers of Twyford C of E School in many ways including this Newsletter and our Blackboard, but we also use email to keep you up to date with meeting dates, meeting minutes and event updates. If you would like to receive e-mail communication from us then please e-mail ksrollason@hotmail.com and you will be included on the distribution list.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



The PTFA are looking for donations to make up four Christmas Hampers, one for each class. These hampers will have a colour theme, so donations can either have the colour for its packaging or the name/product itself. For example a packet of shortbread with green packaging, a jar of Gold Blend Coffee, a bottle of red wine, gifts such as toiletries or candles etc. could also be added.

Any donations can be dropped off in your child's classroom or with the school office. Donations should be brought to school by Friday 16^{th} December.

The colours for each class are as follows;

Nursery and Reception

Years 1 and 2

Years 3 and 4

Years 5 and 6

Gold

Red

Green

Silver

The raffle draw for the hampers will then be held on **Monday 19**th **December**, after school in the school hall. This is the day of the children's Christmas lunch.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from **Monday 5**th **December** from the school office or in the playground at drop off.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th December at 8pm at school. Everyone is welcome, so please come along if you would like to be involved in running/supporting activities that raise money for your children's school.

PTFA CHRISTMAS LUNCH



As you know the PTFA cook Christmas lunch for the staff and pupils (from Reception to Year 6) and this year it is being held on **Monday 19th December**. We are desperate for volunteers to help with setting up, serving the lunch and clearing away. If you are able to help in any way then please let Imogen or Katherine know as soon as possible. It is a busy day, but it is great fun and the children have a lovely time.

BURNS NIGHT

Banish the winter blues; come along and celebrate Burns Night in aid of the PTFA at the end of January – date is yet to be confirmed. Watch this space for more details.............

THE GIVING MACHINE

Shop online? Click. Shop. Give for free with The Chick



Since we relaunched The Giving Machine as a fundraising idea last November we have raised £176.76.

It is such an easy way for us to make money for our school and you can help if you shop online. It takes 2 minutes to register with The Giving Machine (a charity and not-for-profit organisation) and then you can do most of your internet shopping via them. Each retailer that is registered with The Giving Machine then donates a sales commission (either as a % of sales or as a lump sum) that is turned into a charitable donation for our cause.

The list of companies that you can raise money through is enormous and includes Amazon, SportsDirect.com, Argos, John Lewis, Booking.com, Boden, Haven, Marks & Spencer, Next and many, many more.

There are also lots of money saving opportunities by shopping via The Giving Machine such as free delivery or discounts.

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk



TERM DATES - 2016/17 - 2017/18

Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 th September 2016	Friday 21 st October 2016
	Monday 31st October 2016	Tuesday 20 th December 2016
Spring Town 2017	Thursday 5 th January 2017	Friday 10 th February 2017
Spring Term 2017	Monday 20 th February 2017	Friday 31st March 2017
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Friday 26 th May 2017
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 6 th June 2017	Friday 21st July 2017
Autumn Term 2017	Wednesday 6 th September 2017	Friday 20 th October 2017
	Monday 30 th October 2017	Tuesday 19 th December 2017
Spring Town 2019	Thursday 4 th January 2018	Friday 9 th February 2018
Spring Term 2018	Monday 19 th February 2018	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Summan Taum 2019	Monday 16 th April 2018	Friday 25 th May 2018
Summer Term 2018	Monday 4 th June 2018	Tuesday 24th July 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIAR	У	
Monday 5 th December		Trial morning for new Nursery children
Tuesday 6 th December		Trial morning for new Nursery children
Tuesday 6 th December		PTFA Meeting 8pm
Wednesday 7 th December		Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Monday 9 th January	New	Premier Sports Clubs begin for the Spring Term
Saturday 10 th December	New	Years 1 to 6 singing carols at Claydon House
Tuesday 13 th December	Change	Nativity at St. Mary's Church 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December		KS1 Multiskills at Waddesdon 3.30 – 5.30pm
Thursday 15 th December	New	Year 5 & 6 singing carols at Lime Tree Court
Thursday 15 th December	New	Nursery Christmas Party.
Saturday 17 th December		Piano Concert
Monday 19 th December		PTFA Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 20 th December		Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Tuesday 20 th December		School closes for Christmas Holiday 1.30pm
Thursday 5 th January		School re-opens after Christmas Holiday
Monday 16 th January		Deadline to apply for a Reception Class 2017 place.
Thursday 19 th January		Chartwells Theme Menu Day - Fun Fair Fun
Thursday 9 th February		School breaks up for Half Term
Friday 10 th February		INSET Day
Monday 20 th February		School re-opens after Half Term
Tuesday 28 th February		Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament at Waddesdon 3.30 - 5.30pm
Wednesday 8 th March		Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 9 th March		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Monday 20 th March		Echoes - Royal Albert Hall, KS2 Choir
Friday 24 th March		Red Nose Day
Monday 27 th March		SATs Parents meeting for Year 6 parents
Wednesday 29 th March		Chartwells Easter Lunch
Thursday 30 th March		Easter Service at St.Mary's Church 9.15am
Friday 31 st March		School closes for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18 th April		School re-opens for Summer Term
Tuesday 18 th April		Reception Class 2017 place offers will be sent out to parents
		from Buckinghamshire County Council.
Thursday 20th April		Class Photographs
Thursday 27 th April		KS1 Athletics Festival 3.30-5.30pm
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th May		SATs Week
Thursday 18 th May		Year 5 and 6 Rounders Tournament at Waddesdon 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 26 th May		School closes for Half Term
Monday 5 th June		Inset Day



Tuesday 6 th June	School re-opens after Half Term
Thursday 29 th June	Nursery and Reception Grandparents Afternoon 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Monday 3 rd July	KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 4 th July	County Induction Day
Wednesday 5 th July	KS2 Production 2pm
Thursday 6 th July	KS2 Production 7pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Sports Day and Picnic
Friday 14 th July	Camp Out Day
Monday 17 th July	Celebration Assembly at St.Mary's Church 1.30pm
Tuesday 18 th July	School Ramble 1.15pm
Tuesday 18 th July	Open Evening 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 21 st July	School closes for Summer Holiday 1.30pm
Wednesday 6 th September	School re-opens after Summer Holidays
Tuesday 12 th September	Transfer Testing - Preparation Tests
Thursday 14 th September	Transfer Testing - Transfer Tests
Friday 13 th October	Transfer Testing Qualification Results

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MENU FOR SPRING TERM 2017



Order forms are available from the school office or via the website www.twyfordschool.org.uk





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NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

We produce two newsletters each month. Please indicate below which method of delivery you would prefer. Once we collate these preferences we will make a decision on which method we will use for future newsletters.

Main Newsletter and Interim Newsletter by Email	
Main Newsletter printed and Interim Newsletter by Email	
Main Newsletter and Interim newsletter printed	

Child's Name:			
Email Address:			

