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January Newsletter- Happy New Year!

Dear Parents/Carers,

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff at our school, to wish you all a very happy New Year. I have now had the privilege of working at our fabulous school for an entire decade... where does the time go!!!!? I hope everyone had a fabulous break with their families and we can't wait to make 2019 the most special year yet for all our pupils!

Parents' Evening (12th and 13th February with Maths appointments on 11th February)

Although it isn't until the last week of term, I wanted everyone to be able to put the dates in their diaries. Nic will let everyone know when appointments will be available to select online and if you'd like to book a meeting with myself or Mrs Knight (SENCO) then please feel free to ask.

New School Website: www.fcceprimaryschool.co.uk

Unbelievably, Mrs Houston has managed to construct a brand new website for our school! We now have a new web address and if you enter the old one then you will be redirected to our new site. We hope you will find the pages easy to navigate and we will be updating it on a regular basis with lots of important information and ways of further helping your children. Mrs Houston, alongside many of our Governors, have put in a huge amount of time and effort to make the website look so impressive and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them publically. If you have any feedback on site then please feel free to pass it onto the school office or Mrs Houston directly as we want the website to be as 'user-friendly' as possible.

Fundraising for Wateraid at the end of last term

During our nativity performances, collection buckets were made available for donations to our elected charity- Wateraid. Incredibly, we managed to raise £798 which will make a huge difference to the lives of many people in Africa. Thank you so much for all your support! Raul, Lucian and Josh did a fantastic job of promoting the charity and we are very proud of how they have demonstrated service to others in such an impeccable manner.

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Our Next Enrichment Day- Friday 8th February

Our next enrichment day is on the penultimate Friday of term. The choices powerpoint will be shared with the school during worship shortly and then it will be sent home. Please discuss the different options with your child and then place their three preferences in their reading records. Mrs Barter will endeavour to provide every child with one of their three choices. If you have any questions or would be able to offer any help then please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Barter or the school office.

Candlemass Service at School on Sunday 3rd February

We will be hosting St. Peter's Church Candlemass service on 3rd February at 10.30am. The Key Stage 2 choir will be performing at the service and it would be lovely to see as many families as possible at the event. Refreshments will be available afterwards and we hope you will be able to stay for a cuppa and a slice of cake afterwards.

Reception Parent Literacy Workshop Monday 21st January 2.15pm

Class 1 and 2 will be holding their next parent workshop on the 21st January. These have proved extremely insightful as they give you a chance to work alongside your child. The range of activities on offer demonstrates the different skills practiced throughout Reception and you also have the opportunity to discuss the learning with all the adults present.

Class Worship this Term

Class 10 will be performing their Class worship to parents and the rest of the school on Wednesday 16th January at 9.05am. The following week, on Wednesday 23rd January, Class 5 will be showcasing their Class worship to parents and the school. Finally, Class 4 will be performing their Class assembly on Friday 1st February at 9.15am.

School Census Thursday 17th January

There will be a school census which will mean the meal choices will be different. We have swapped the days so Thursday's choice will now be what is offered on the Friday and vice versa.

Year 3 and 4 Multi-Sports After School Club (3.15-4.20pm)

Priority Sports (our school sports coaches) are running a Year 3 and 4 Multi-sports club on a Tuesday after school. We had several parents ask for this club so we didn't want anyone to be disappointed and miss out on signing up. To do so, you need to follow this link as it is being provided by the company themselves rather than the school. The link is: www.prioritysports.co.uk/book

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Dates for your diary

Monday 7th January- INSET

Tuesday 8th January- First day of term

Monday 14th January- Dogs' Trust to do workshops with Class 3, 4 and 5

Wednesday 16th January- Class 10 worship (9.05am)

Thursday 17th January – Census

Monday 21st January- Class 1 and 2 Literacy workshop (2.15pm)

Tuesday 22nd January- Class 8 Roman Play (2:30pm)

Wednesday 23rd January- Class 5 worship (9.05am)

Wednesday 23rd January- Class 7 Roman Play (2:30pm)

Thursday 24th January- Class 6 Roman Play at 2:30pm

Friday 25th January- Year 6 Achievers (3:15-4:30pm - if child has received a letter from their teacher)

Thursday 31st January- Year 3 and 4 Caerleon Trip

Friday 1st February- Class 4 Assembly (9.15am)

Sunday 3rd February- Candle Mass at school (10.30am)

Wednesday 6th February- Intra-school PE competition

Thursday 7th February- Full Governors Meeting

Friday 8th February- Enrichment day

Monday 11th February- Maths Parents' Evening appointments Year 2-6 (if a different teacher than the rest of the day)

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th- Parents' Evening appointments (you can also make appointments to see Mrs Knight or Mr Barnard)

Wednesday 13th February- Class 9 Assembly (9:15am)

Thursday 14th February- Paralympian visitor (wear sports clothes and £1 donation)

Friday 15th February- Class 7 Assembly (9.15am)

Friday 15th February- Last day of term 3

Monday 25th February- INSET day

Tuesday 26th February- First day of term 4

Congratulations

We have had so many examples of brilliant learning already in the first week of 2019! Here are just a few examples:

- Beautiful writing by Maddison;
- Amazing spelling and sounding out by Olivia;
- Macsen for being such a brilliant team player and including others in his learning;
- Florrie for her incredible creative writing;
- Megan for her wonderful reading comprehension;
- Blake for his great reading;
- Logan for his fantastic improvement and determination with his reading and
- Mabel for her superb drama rehearsals.

Your children are truly magnificent... we're incredibly proud of every single one of them!

Thank you for your continued support,

Pete Barnard

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