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Message from the Head Teacher:

Today is the first day of December and we have celebrated with our Central Primary tradition of Tree Dressing. For me and many other members of the school community Tree Dressing is one of the highlights of the school year, as it brings us together to decorate the tree, to have some fun and sing loudly. Our tree now looks beautiful and is fully ready to accompany us through our final two weeks of the Autumn Term.

Mr Mynott

Tree Dressing



1st December is one of the most joyful days of the school year at Central. Every child in the school was able to add a decoration to the Christmas tree, and then join in with a raucous version of The Twelve Days of Christmas. The festive period is certainly here! Christmas events include:

8th December, 3.30-5pm – Christmas Fair – all welcome.

11th December, 9am – Advent service at Derby Road Baptist Church – Year 3 and 4 children – parents welcome to attend.

12th December, 10am & 2pm – Reception nativity play – parents welcome.

13th December – Christmas dinner (children only) – all children invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school.

14th December, 9am – Christmas Carol concerts (KS1 & KS2) – parents welcome.

Winter Weather

Please can you ensure your child has a winter hat, gloves and a warm waterproof coat at school each day as they will be going outside and they should be suitably dressed for the wintry weather.

The Snowman



Year 2 had a wonderful trip to see The Snowman at The Peacock theatre in London this week. The children were mesmerised by the beautiful performance.

Library



Year 1 visited the library this week, and enjoyed learning about how the library works and sharing stories.

Board Game Club



Board Game club gives pupils some wonderful opportunities to work together. Do you have a boardgame night at home? It's a great way to bring your family together.

Birthday treats

It is lovely for our pupils to be able to share their birthdays with friends at school and we are very grateful for the gifts provided by many parents. However, please be mindful that we are a healthy school, and cannot give out chocolates, sweets or cake. If you would like your child to share birthday treats, some appropriate suggestions might include pencils, stickers, healthy snacks, etc. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Skill 7 holiday club

Tuesday 19th December, 9am-5pm

£17.50 per child

Check out www.skill7.org for this and other camps, 18-22 December.

Safeguarding

A reminder that parents should NOT walk through the school during school hours for any reason. All enquiries during school hours (8am-5pm) should be directed to staff in the playgrounds or to the school office.

Regular features

e-Safety

A number of children in school have been talking about the film 'It'. They say that they are watching the trailer on their tablets at

home. Please remember that all internet use should be monitored for primary children.

Attendance

Y2 Pine & Y5 Willow classes are this week's winners of the attendance award. Well done!

Class	Attendance %
Maple Y1	96.9%
Mulberry Y1	98.6%
Pear Y2	94.6%
Pine Y2	99.3%
Ash Y3	93.9%
Apple Y3	93.7%
Beech Y4	96.3%
Beam Y4	98.3%
Willow Y5	98.7%
Oak Y6	93.0%

Please be aware that we are closing earlier than other local schools to help with family holidays over the Christmas period. Lessons will take place right up to the last day of term. We break up on Friday 15th December, 1.30pm.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's 'stars':

Ana & Aliou (Y1 Maple)

Nicole & Hope (Y1 Mulberry)

Adenike, Hamid & Max (Y2 Pear)

Chris & Riley (Y2 Pine)

Muhammad, Neil, Misbah, Lyndon, Martha & Harry (Y3 Apple)

Aradhana & Karim (Y3 Ash)

Kurt, Daniel, Ewan, Quratulayn (Y4 Beech)

Aidan & Kamil (Y4 Beam)

Layla & Austeja (Y5 Willow)

Ashley & Jakub (Y5 Walnut)

Next week is Week 3 of the new Winter/Spring menu. Please remember that the meat in the kitchen is not Halal.

Monday Red: Pork grills & tomato rice

Green: Cheese slice (v)

Yellow: Tuna baguette

Tuesday

Red: Lasagne

Green: Vegetable cobbler (v)

Yellow: Egg roll

Wednesday

Red: Roast beef

Green: Vegetarian burrito (v)

Yellow: Chicken roll

Thursday **Red:** Chicken pie
 Green: Quorn hot dog (v)
 Yellow: Cheese roll

Friday **Red:** Bubble coated fish
 Green: Pizza (v)
 Yellow: Ham baguette

Our preferred method for payment is School Gateway. If you are not sure how to use this, please speak to the office.

Dates & Reminders

Clubs

As always, there will be no clubs during the last week of term (11-15 December). Breakfast Club and After-School Club will run as usual.

School Gateway

We have set ourselves the target of another 200 parents joining the School Gateway! This would significantly reduce the cost of sending texts to families. To sign up, download the School Gateway app from the App Store – if your email and phone number match what we have recorded on our school systems then this should be very simple. Any problems, please speak to Mrs Oguz in the office.

Twitter

Many of the class teachers are posting regular photographs of their classes on Twitter. Follow all the school's news @centralprimary

Nursery admissions

We are now accepting applications for Nursery for September 2018. These should be made directly to the school, using the forms on the admissions section of the school website:

<http://central.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/>

Breakfast Club

It is now possible to book and pay for Breakfast Club in advance using the School Gateway. Breakfast Club is just **£2 per session** per child, which includes 45 minutes of childcare, breakfast and a sports club!

Autumn Term 2017 dates

Good Work assembly every Thursday, 3-3.20pm

Wed 29 Nov	All day	Y2 trip to see The Snowman
Fri 1 Dec	9-9.45am	Tree Dressing
Mon 4 Dec	9-9.30am	Friends of Central
Mon 11 Dec	9-9.30am	Y3 & Y4: Advent assembly at Derby Road Church
Tue 12 Dec	10am, 2pm	Reception nativity
Wed 13 Dec	All day	Christmas jumper day (& Christmas dinner)
Thu 14 Dec	9-9.45am	Christmas concerts
Fri 15 Dec	1.30pm	Early close – last day of term
16 Dec – 2 Jan	All day	School closed

Spring Term 2018 dates

Good Work assembly every Thursday, 3-3.20pm

Wed 3 Jan	8.45am	Start of Spring Term – All pupils return
Thu 11 Jan	9am, 2.45pm, 6pm	E-safety Meeting For Parents
Fri 12 Jan	3pm	Y6 Oak Class Assembly
Fri 19 Jan	3pm	YR Conker Class Assembly
Fri 26 Jan	3pm	Y5 Walnut Class Assembly
Mon 29 Jan	2.30pm	Tea and Talk (SEN parents' event)
Tue 30 Jan	Pm/eve	Young Voices Concert @ O2 (Y6 & choir)
Fri 2 Feb	3pm	Y5 Willow Class Assembly
Tue 6 Feb	All Day	Rock Challenge (dance competition)
Fri 9 Feb	All Day	100 Days (RE themed day)
10-18 Feb		Spring Half Term – School Closed
Fri 23 Feb	3pm	YR Acorn Class Assembly
Tue 27 Feb	6pm	Creative Arts Showcase
Thu 1 Mar	All Day	World Book Day – Dress as a character
Fri 2 Mar	3pm	Y3 Ash Class Assembly
Fri 9 Mar	3pm	Y3 Apple Class Assembly
Wed 14 Mar	All Day	Group/ Class Photo Day
Fri 16 Mar	3pm	Y4 Beech Class Assembly
Fri 23 Mar	3pm	Y4 Beam Class Assembly
Mon 26 Mar	3.30-8pm	Parent Consultations
26-29 Mar	All Day	MFL – Carnival Week

		(Languages and Creative Arts themed week)
Thu 29 Mar	All Day	End of Spring Term – Early Close 1:30pm
Fri 30 Mar - Sun 15 Apr	All Day	Easter Holidays – School Closed
Mon 16 Apr	All Day	Summer Term Begins – All pupils to return