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### Message from the Head Teacher:

We have had another busy week, with some wonderful work across the school. I have seen some impressive writing about the Great Fire of London in Year 2 and some fantastic work on the Gingerbread Man in Year 1. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Festival of Lights on Wednesday evening. The lights were spectacular and it was wonderful to see all the different lanterns that had been created. It was a wonderful (and windy) evening which is always a great start to the festive season. I would like to say a huge thank you to Sarah Boardman and Lisa Holmes along with all the Friends of Central who helped put the who event together.

Mr Mynott

## Merry Christmas!



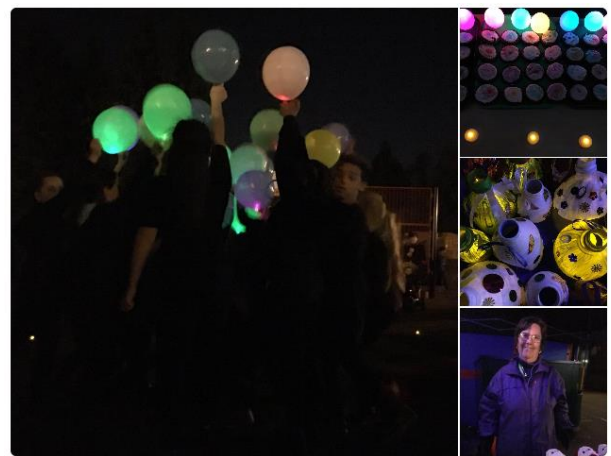
Each year, the mayor of Watford sends out a Christmas card that is sponsored by local firms. The money raised by the card goes to the mayor's chosen charity. This year, a group of lucky Central Primary School pupils have been photographed with Dorothy Thornhill for the card!

## Book Fair



Thank you so much for supporting the Book Fair this week and providing valuable income for the school. The children have loved exploring the books in their class groups.

## Festival of Light



Many thanks to everyone who supported this week's Festival of Light. It was a beautiful celebration of light as the winter nights draw in. The event was organised by the Friends of Central, who are always on the look-out for new members – all parents and carers are welcome to attend the regular meetings and support the fundraising efforts of the school. The next meeting is on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 9am** – come along to see how you can get involved.

## The Iron Man



Congratulations to Year 3, who produced a wonderful production of The Iron Man last week. We are all very proud of you.

### Did you know...?

Central provides outreach and training for many local schools, sharing our practice to support the development of local teachers and support staff. Examples from this week include training 35 support staff to understand and manage challenging behaviour, and training 30 teachers to support pupils with speech, language and communication difficulties. In the next month, we will present a conference about developing teaching through Lesson Study, train teachers to work with pupils with English as an Additional Language and will provide ongoing support for trainee and newly qualified teachers.



### Regular features

#### e-Safety

Instagram is a social networking service based on the sharing of photographs or short videos, usually from mobile devices. It has become very popular with young people, who like to 'follow' each other, build up numbers of 'followers' and use the service for text chatting and messaging, as well as sharing pictures and videos.

**Like most social networking services, Instagram is not intended for children under 13 and this is clearly stated in their Terms of Use.**

By default, photographs and videos published by a user are public, and anyone can see them and follow the user. The user must actively choose to make their posts private in order to protect them. If selected, images and videos can also be added to a 'photo map' which shows where each picture was taken, therefore potentially giving away the location of the user. A user's profile picture and 'bio' is public, even if he/she chooses to make their posts private.

Herts for Learning have created a short guidance sheet on Instagram, aimed at parents, carers and young people:

<https://help.instagram.com/369001149843369/>

### Attendance

Y2 Pine, Y3 Apple & Y5 Walnut classes are this week's winners of the attendance award. Well done!

Class	Attendance %
Maple Y1	93.7%
Mulberry Y1	96.9%
Pear Y2	95.2%
Pine Y2	97.2%
Ash Y3	97.0%
Apple Y3	98.7%
Beech Y4	97.3%
Beam Y4	98.6%
Willow Y5	94.3%
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 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm.

### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's 'stars':

Samih & Adhira (Y1 Maple)

Saanvi & Noel (Y1 Mulberry)

Andrei & Luke (Y2 Pear)

Ernestina & Tobias (Y2 Pine)

Whole class (Y3 Apple)

Ayyan, Ali, Adedolapo (Y3 Ash)

Ruby & Gabriela (Y4 Beech)

Oliwia & Hazem (Y4 Beam)

Danyaal, Anika & Julia (Y5 Willow)

Lorenzo, Maya & Bartosz (Y5 Walnut)

Shahan, Kristyna, Leanne, Janessa,

Cheyenne, Nathanne (Y6 Oak)

### Lunch Menu

Next week is **Week 2** of the new **Winter/Spring menu**. Please remember that the meat in the kitchen is not Halal.

- Monday**  
Red: Chicken & tomato pasta bake  
Green: Quorn nuggets (v)  
Yellow: Cheese baguette
- Tuesday**  
Red: Burger in a bun  
Green: Macaroni Cheese pasta (v)  
Yellow: Ham roll
- Wednesday**  
Red: Roast Pork  
Green: Vegetarian roll (v)  
Yellow: Egg roll

**Thursday**     **Red:** Minced lamb slice  
                      **Green:** Jacket potato & baked beans (v)  
                      **Yellow:** Tuna baguette

**Friday**        **Red:** Fish Finger wrap  
                      **Green:** Cheese & tomato pizza (v)  
                      **Yellow:** Chicken roll

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.

### Christmas events

It's only one week until December! Christmas events are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> December – tree dressing assembly (children only) – every child in the school hangs a decoration on our Christmas tree.

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

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

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

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

15<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm – school closes.

### 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
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
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