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Message from the Head Teacher:

It has started to feel very festive in school in the past few days. Everyone has continued to work very hard, and we will be doing so right up until the end of term, but we will also have some festive cheer to look forward to. We hope to see you at the Carol Concert on Thursday or at one of the Early Years nativity plays next week as your children have been working hard on their performance skills.

Mr Mynott

Christmas Events

There will be two carol concerts next week, on Thursday 14th December:

- 9.00am Key Stage One
- 9.20am Key Stage Two

Please come and hear both performances!

Other events coming up:

- 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.



Christmas Tree Festival



Well done to the choir, who performed at the opening of the St Mary's Church Christmas tree festival. Catherine Da Costa, from the church, said "They were beautifully behaved and sang superbly. They left behind a lovely impression and wonderful comments were given." Thank you so much to Miss Rieger for making this event possible.

Three Faiths Forum partnership



This year saw the first event in a year-long partnership between Year 4 pupils at Central Primary School and Avanti House Primary School, a Hindu primary school in Stanmore. We look forward to some really exciting inter-faith events across the year.

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.

Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Robertson, who is leaving Central to take up a new career. We wish you good luck and happiness, and thank you for everything you have done for the pupils, parents and staff of Central Primary.

Regular features

e-Safety

This week's e-Safety update comes from CEOPs and is about live streaming, an issue raised previously in this newsletter.

This week, CEOP received an unprecedented number of reports about a video, involving abuse between two children, which has gone 'viral'.

For parents, finding out that images and videos of abuse are being circulated by young people and adults on social media can be stressful. Here are some clear steps to take and important things to remember.

1. Please never share a video or image depicting any kind of abuse involving children
2. Each time a video or image of abuse is shared it re-victimises the child and increases the likelihood of blackmail, feelings of self-blame and powerlessness
3. Report it to the platform it has been shared on e.g YouTube, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram etc
4. Report it to CEOP if it is an image or video of abuse involving a child with a link to where the video or image is hosted e.g YouTube, Facebook.
5. If it's not on a public platform and in only exists on a device eg phone, tablet, report it and then delete the image.
6. Encourage other people to report if it is being shared publicly.

Attendance

Year 1 Mulberry and Year 4 Beam classes are this week's winners of the attendance awards. Well done!

Class	Attendance %
Acorn YR	92.7
Conker YR	87.0
Maple Y1	96.9
Mulberry Y1	99.7
Pear Y2	95.7
Pine Y2	93.8
Ash Y3	94.6
Apple Y3	96.3
Beech Y4	96.7
Beam Y4	97.9
Willow Y5	96.1
Oak Y6	97.3

Please remember 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':

Sarang (Y1 Maple)
 Kane & Ilja (Y1 Mulberry)
 James & Kuba (Y2 Pear)
 Zaki, Arsalan & Tushita (Y2 Pine)
 Kuba & Latif (Y3 Apple)
 Gabby & Hashim (Y3 Ash)
 Gergely & LaToya (Y4 Beech)
 Fizza, Oliver & Nyasha (Y4 Beam)
 Angelina & Alessio (Y5 Willow)
 Jakub, Rebecca & Earl-Patrick (Y5 Walnut)
 Vanessa, Safia & Ace (Y6 Oak)

Next week is **Week 1 of the Winter/Spring menu**. Please remember that the meat in the kitchen is not Halal.

Monday Red: Sweet chilli chicken tortilla
 Green: Vegetable stir fry (v)
 Yellow: Tuna baguette

Tuesday Red: Sausages and onion gravy
 Green: Savoury quiche (v)
 Yellow: Chicken roll

Wednesday Red: Roast chicken
 Green: Roast Quorn fillet (v)
 Yellow: Cheese baguette

Thursday Red: Beef bolognaise with pasta
 Green: Cheese pinwheel (v)
 Yellow: Ham roll

Friday Red: Fish bites
 Green: Pizza (v)
 Yellow: Egg 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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