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School Newsletter



Christmas Festivities



Our end of term festivities began with the KS1 Nativity 'A King is Born'. The children performed well, remembering words, lyrics and actions. The children were very excited to perform in front of so many parents/carers.

Beetles Class spent three days at Burwell House on their residential trip. Fun was had filming news reports, making Christmas decorations, participating in problem solving games and treasure hunts. A camp fire was set up and the children toasted marshmallows and sang camp fire songs. The children arrived back at Orchard Park tired but happy.

Caterpillars held their Nursery Carol Concert which was a very special event and, again, well attended by parents and carers. Thank you.

The Winter Disco also took place. Thank you to the PTFA who organised yet another successful fund raising event. The children really enjoyed themselves.

We have even more festivities planned for next week! A gentle reminder for your child to bring in a small party food donation for Christmas Parties that will be held on Monday 17th.



Christmas Carol Concert

Please come and join us for the Christmas Carol Concert on **Wednesday 19th December**. The concert begins at 1:45 and will end at 2:30 pm when school closes. It will be possible for you to collect your child from class when the concert has finished. Come and join us for one of our favourite annual traditions!



Sad Farewells

Mrs Steggles and Miss Lowe will begin their Maternity Leave at the start of the Spring Term as both babies are due in mid January. We wish them every success as they enter a new chapter in their lives.

We will also be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Beecroft at the end of term. Mrs Beecroft will be starting the New Year with a fresh challenge as she fulfils a passion to become a dog groomer and plans to set up her own business. Mrs Beecroft will be sorely missed by children and staff having worked at Orchard Park for over 10

years. However, we wish Mrs Beecroft every success and look forward to hearing about her new adventure.



Admission to Reception Class 2019

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2019, it is possible to apply online for your child's place via the following website: cambridgehiresire.gov.uk. The deadline is Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Parent/carers will be notified of school places offered on Tuesday 16th April 2019. If you miss this deadline, your application will not be considered until the second round of allocations on Monday 13th May 2019.

Finally

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and to wish you and the children a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 7th January**.

S Harper

Attendance at Orchard Park



December Attendance Awards



Well done to Beetles who achieved 100%

2nd - Grass 99%

3rd - Bees 98%

Overall School Attendance 97%

Homework



Teachers will not be sending homework or reading books home during the last week of term or over the school holidays. We would like the children to enjoy the break and come back rested and ready to try their best in the New Year. Homework Club will, therefore, will not take place on Monday 17th December (Choir will also not be held on Wednesday 19th).

