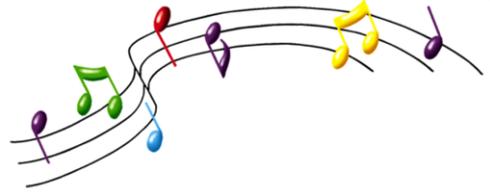


Year 3 and Year 4 Advent 2 Newsletter



Welcome back!

Wow. We cannot believe we are already in the second half term of the year. The children have settled in so well and we are really proud of all the wonderful progress that has been made already. It was delightful to share all their hard work with you at parents evening. Thank you for being so supportive with our Robin Hood topic and for supporting the children with homework, Rock star times tables, house masses and everything else that has been going on. The new starters are quickly becoming English Martyrs' veterans, making great friends and embracing our way of school life.

How will Peter hear the wolf?

Our Advent 2 topic will be based around the musical story of Peter and the wolf. We will be studying the story in depth and discussing the history of other great composers. The topic will be driven our science objectives for this half term, with a great focus on how sound is made and how we hear things. We are hoping to cumulate all this wonderful work into a noisy busking experience for you all to enjoy. It's going to be a noisy half term, enjoy!

Uniform

The children have all come to school very smart and are taking pride in their uniform. Could you please make sure all names are written inside the uniform as already we have had some cardigans and jumpers reported lost, also take note if your child may have taken another person's uniform home by accident. As a staff, we always remind the children to look after their belongings and are often carrying a jumper behind one or two pupils on the way out of school!

PE

As always, PE is a part of the National Curriculum that we provide for the children. These lessons are fun and provide excellent opportunity for health and well being. Please ensure that PE kits are always in school so that children can take a full and active part in this. A gentle reminder that earrings need to be removed for PE lessons, therefore ensure children come to school without their earrings or teach your child to take out and put them back in after the PE lesson.

Music

All children will take part in a music lesson on Friday mornings. Year 3 will be taught the recorder. This is a great instrument to learn and we ask that all year 3s **please bring a recorder into school from home with the child's name clearly visible.**

Year 4 will be taught the trumpet, ukulele and recorder on a termly basis and on a rotation system with music teachers from The Beckett High School. Again, hopefully Year 4 should have their recorders from last year but the trumpet and ukulele will be loaned out to children.

Reading

The children have been given a reading book and reading diary. Please make sure you hear your children read and make a note in their reading diary. We will listen to your child read at least twice per week but the more practice they get reading aloud the better as reading is vital in all subjects across the curriculum.

Reading Diary

We will often use the blue reading diary to send messages home, please ensure you read the diary and sign it each week. If you would like to send us a message please use the diary as we will check it every day e.g. changes in how the child is getting home, appointments, changes to lunch times etc.

Homework is attached in the front of the diary – the children really enjoy celebrating their homework with their class and we appreciate the time it takes. The homework is produced in a project form which should take 3-4 weeks to complete – a few hours for research and planning, and then a further few hours for completing and finalising. There are also reading and maths challenges to do over the term that do not always need to be handed in but will be tested throughout the lessons.

Your child's targets for the term will also be attached to the front of the diary in the Outcomes booklet.

WOW Day

Look out for information in Reading Diary.

Dates for the Diary

6th November- Key Stage 2 SPaG drop in 9.30

7th November- Key Stage 2 SPaG drop in 2.30

14th November- Open morning/ CIN breakfast 8:30 – 9:45

26th November- FEM Non-uniform day (Items for Christmas Fayre)

16th November- Children in Need Day and LKS2 Good work liturgy

29th November- Mass 2pm

30th November- Inset (School closed)

17th December- KS2 Panto pm

18th December- Advent liturgy (families invited)

20th December- Christmas dinner, Christmas dinner and school closes for Christmas holidays.

Parents Meetings

Parents Evening take place each term and is an opportunity to look at the children's work and have a short meeting with the class teachers. However, parents are welcome to come into school at other times to discuss their child's progress. Appointments can be made via the school office.

We hope your children are looking forward to this year as much as we are. Any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

*Mrs Pettifer, Miss Dickson, Miss Coxhead, Miss Kaur and
all the teaching assistants in LKS2*