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CURRENT NEWS, HIGHLIGHTS AND INFORMATION FOR YOU & YOUR CHILDREN

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## Friday 23 Nov—mufti day for the Christmas Fair

Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware we have very limited parking around the school and I constantly send out reminders to parents about being considerate of residents.

Please do not allow your children to play in the residents gardens or climb onto their property.

This is not acceptable behaviour and impacts on the reputation of the school.

Please use the traffic lights to cross the road, it is important you teach your child about road safety.

Mrs Berry

### Attendance

We set high standards for attendance and punctuality.

Our target attendance is 97%.

Good attendance is strongly linked to pupil achievement.

\*This is defined as the total number of minutes lateness of children

|                 | Attendance |       | Punctuality* |       |
|-----------------|------------|-------|--------------|-------|
|                 | 5/11       | 12/11 | 5/11         | 12/11 |
| Week commencing |            |       |              |       |
| Bee             | 97.3%      | 89.3% | 195          | 0     |
| Butterfly       | 99%        | 93.3% | 1            | 0     |
| Ladybird        | 96.9%      | 93.1% | 2            | 0     |
| Hedgehog        | 99.3%      | 93.3% | 15           | 0     |
| Otter           | 98%        | 96.7% | 0            | 7     |
| Squirrel        | 98.7%      | 99.3% | 21           | 2     |
| Owl             | 99.3%      | 97.3% | 10           | 0     |
| Leopard         | 99.3%      | 97.7% | 5            | 5     |
| Lion            | 97.3%      | 97.3% | 18           | 4     |
| Tiger           | 97%        | 99.3% | 35           | 9     |

## The Christmas Fair Saturday 24 November 12-3pm

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching, and we couldn't make it happen without all your generous Donations. We still need Jolly jars and sweets, please drop these donations into the school office.

We are very short of parental help, please contact your class rep to offer help. The fair raises much needed funds to allow the school to continue its varied curriculum. Please try and give an hour or two to support us. Thank you to all the parents have already volunteered to help.

Next Friday is mufti day for the Christmas fair – please bring donations of chocolates or bottles. These will be collected at the pupil entrance gate.

Many Thanks!  
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### Scooter and cycle parking

Please do not chain your scooters and cycles to the fence. Please use the bike store and scooter pods provided. Thank you.

## In Reception....

This week we have been taking advantage of this continued lovely weather, with the exception of Tuesday when we had the thunder and lightning which caused great excitement.

The children have been enjoying cooking this week. Our Love the Ball coaches have taken some children through rugby skills while Sean the drumming teacher has had us making some great tunes!

## In Year 1....

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about 2D and 3D shapes this week! Have a hunt around at home to see which shapes you can spot and name!

In science we have had lots of fun making electric circuits and lighting up bulbs.

We are continuing to enjoy our focus book and have been using adjectives to describe characters from the story.

## Reading

Huge thanks to everyone who has donated wonderful books from our Amazon book list, (search Coombe Hill Infants on 'wish list'). Please remember to leave a gift note with your name if you send these directly to school.

Also, it is fantastic to see so many of you reading lots for our sponsored readathon. We will be collecting the forms and sponsor money this week.

Thank you so much for all your support to fund and stock our new library!

## In Year 2....

The children are immersed in their recycling topic, which has been supported by a great text called '10 things I can do to help my world' by Melanie Walsh. They are currently completing their own versions of the book and will be sharing them with some of the younger children in the school. Please do keep your clean, recycled materials coming in for junk modelling next week. We now have our first Green Team of the year, who, having been trained up by Mrs. Shepherd, are now doing their bit to help save energy and keep our school environment clean. This week they have been collecting leaves for composting.

We have just come to the end of an intense 3 weeks of arithmetic in which we have taught children two main strategies for addition and subtraction; the open number line and partitioning into Tens and Ones ("the column method"). These concepts and models are still being fully understood by many children and it is a case of practise, practise, practise. We will continue to focus particularly on mental arithmetic throughout the rest of the academic year.

Finally, we have our first trips of this term coming up. Next Monday 19th November, Leopard Class will be visiting Kingston Children's library, with Lions and Tigers visiting on Tuesday 20th. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have signed up to assist us. We would not be able to conduct educational visits without you. We are aiming to foster a love for reading. You can support this goal by ensuring that your child has their school library book in their blue bag on the correct day each week. We have loved welcoming in parents to read a book to the whole class at 3pm each day. Do let your teacher know if you'd like to do this too. The children absolutely love it!

On 19th December we will be taking the children to The Rose Theatre to see a production of Hansel and Gretel. Do let your teacher know if you are available to support that day too. Thank you.

## News from our Educational Welfare Officer

- If your child is ill immediately before or after school holidays we require medical evidence. Without a doctors letter this will be unauthorised leave, and may be referred to the Educational Welfare Service.

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Friday 23 November    | Mufti for Fair                     |
| Saturday 24 November  | Christmas Fair 12 to 3.00pm        |
| Friday 30 November    | Flu Immunisation                   |
| Friday 30 November    | Owl Class Cake Sale                |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>       |                                    |
| Monday 3 December     | Games evening, 3.15-4.15pm         |
| Friday 7 December     | Small Group Cake Sale              |
| Tuesday 11 December   | Club Booking online from 10.00am   |
| Tuesday 11 December   | Y1 & Y2 dress rehearsal            |
| Wednesday 12 December | Year 2 Concert 1.20pm              |
| Thursday 13 December  | 9.30 Reception dress rehearsal     |
| Thursday 13 December  | Year 1 Concert 1.20pm              |
| Friday 14 December    | Reception Concert 9.30am           |
| Friday 14 December    | Butterfly Class Cake Sale          |
| Wednesday 19 December | Y2 to Rose Theatre, pm             |
| Friday 21 December    | Festive jumpers & hats, finish 2pm |

**JANUARY 2019 Spring Term**

|                              |                                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY 7 JANUARY 2019</b> | <b>SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.45am.</b>     |
| Monday 14 January            | Clubs start x 5 weeks               |
| Tuesday 15 January           | Reception Phonics & Reading 2.30    |
| Wednesday 16 January         | Leopard Class Assembly, 9.15am      |
| Wednesday 23 January         | Tiger Class Assembly, 9.15am        |
| Wednesday 30 January         | Lion Class Assembly, 9.15am         |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>              |                                     |
| Tuesday 5 February           | Club Booking online, 10.00am        |
| Tuesday 12 February          | Year 1 Parent Chats, 12 - 6.00pm    |
| Wednesday 13 February        | Reception Parent Chats 12- 6.00pm   |
| Thursday 14 February         | Bright & Colourful Day              |
| Thursday 14 February         | Year 2 Parent Chats, 12-6.00pm      |
| Friday 15 February           | INSET                               |
| Monday 18 February           | HALF TERM WEEK                      |
| Monday 25 February           | Clubs start x 5 weeks               |
| Wednesday 27 February        | Otter Class Assembly, 9.15am        |
| <b>MARCH</b>                 |                                     |
| Wednesday 6 March            | Hedgehog Class Assembly, 9.15am     |
| Thursday 7 March             | World Book Day / Character          |
| Wednesday 20 March           | Squirrel Class Assembly, 9.15am     |
| Tuesday 26 March             | Club Booking online, 10.00am        |
| Tuesday 2 April              | Swimming Meeting, 9.00am            |
| Friday 5 April               | Spring Hats; Last day 2.00pm finish |

**All dates are subject to change. Please check the weekly email, website and Your CHI for up to date information. Thank you**