

Channing Junior School Bulletin

SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

For me, being part of a school community during the lead up to Christmas evokes nostalgia of my own festive memories as a child. Every year, my brother and I would sit in our pyjamas- or in our onesies, possibly ahead of our time? - and slippers and watch Mary Poppins. One of my favourite scenes is when Mary, Bert and the children ride the horses on the carousel and then go off course. I would sit and imagine all of the magical and wonderful adventures that I could go on with my brother.

As a privileged observer on my own carousel horse this term, I have been very impressed with the range of learning adventures the girls have experienced. Some of the more recent activities include: Victorian Day, Dine with your Daughter, Football and Netball fixtures, Castles Workshop and the Performance Platform. Additionally, on Friday, Miss Collins and the Charity Champions visited the *Rhythms of Life* centre, the charity we are supporting this term, to help prepare food for some of the many homeless people in London. On their return, the girls popped in to see me and they were clearly humbled by their visit and thankful for having food and shelter.

The events in the last few weeks of term will further add to the girls' experience, and mine, too. I wait in anticipation for my *first* Channing Christmas, a first of many this term. I look forward to welcoming you all to the many festivities and sharing this special time.

Building Project Presentation

We would like to invite you to the presentation that will take place in Fairseat Hall. Mr Hill, our Bursar will explain our exciting plans and changes in procedures.

Furthermore, as you know, two further temporary classrooms have been placed above the Reception ones. This is to provide further teaching space to ensure that your daughters' learning is not disturbed by the works. Consequently, we will be moving the contents of Y5 classrooms over the holidays; during the evening presentations, you will be able to view these classrooms. The girls will visit their new classrooms this week.

Dates:

- Tuesday 4 December 5.00pm
- Tuesday 4 December 6.00pm
- Wednesday 5 December 8.30am
- Monday 10 December 8.30am

Please email fairseat@channing.co.uk if you would like to attend giving your choice of date and how many will be attending (maximum 2). It will be on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum of 70 people on each date.

Library & Reading

The library is becoming an increasingly popular room in the school and so is the demand for certain books. Consequently, please ensure that books are returned within the two weeks and before their due back date. Due to the popularity of books, borrowing books for non-Channing siblings is discouraged.

Ms Jupp is currently working on a programme of authors to visit the school and is wondering if any parents have contacts with authors who may be happy to visit. If you have any suggestions, please pop into the library to speak to her or contact the office.

Food Bank

This Tuesday, our Year 5 Form Captains will be visiting our partner Food Bank to deliver our donations. If you would like to contribute to our collection, please bring in any last donations tomorrow morning before the girls visit the Food bank. Every tin counts! Many thanks for all your support.

Getting into the Christmas Spirit...

This year, the staff are supporting the *London Metropolitan Police Christmas Appeal*: <https://www.met.police.uk/police-forces/metropolitan-police/areas/campaigns/2018/met-christmas-appeal/>. They have purchased gifts, 42 so far, for children who are in care, from disadvantaged families, refuges and/or are in hospital. To involve the girls, all classes from Year 1 up, have helped their class teachers and teaching assistant(s) to choose a gift for either a boy or girl from 0-18 years. This will be in lieu of the gift they usually receive on the last day of school. The girls will of course, still receive gifts from Father Christmas with help from the Channing Association elves.

Christmas Jumpers

I look forward to seeing all the girls' and staff's Christmas jumpers. I will get mine out too! This year, the jumpers will have the opportunity for two outings: Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 5 December & Christmas Activities on 11 December. On Wednesday 5, the girls can wear their jumpers over their uniform, whilst on Tuesday 11 December they can come in their jumpers, as well as their own clothes.

Christmas Bazaar Friday, 7 December, 2.40pm-4.30pm

The Christmas Bazaar is this Friday in the Temporary Sports Hall. There will be lots of fun stalls: *Hungry Santa*, *Pin the Nose on Rudolph*, biscuit decorating, Ride-on-Rodeo, Christmas Puddings and a bouncy castle. Additionally, there will be a Christmas Café and Santa's Grotto. I hope to see many of you there for what promises to be a fun-packed afternoon.

Please note that girls must be collected by an adult from the playground and then taken to the Bazaar.

Santa's Café - Donations Please

Santa and his naughty elves
have eaten all the buns themselves!
Please bring biscuits! Please bring cake,
Or any treats you'd care to bake
If home bakings not your thing
Something shop-bought you could bring
People come from near and far
To Fairseat's Christmas Bazaar
Please donate some baked temptations
To enhance the celebrations!

Please bring any **NUT-FREE** donations, sweet, savoury, home-baked or shop-bought; remember, please, that marzipan is made from almonds. You can leave them in the Orangery *after drop-off on Friday 7 December.*

Raffle

Tickets will be available at the bazaar and via letters that have gone home in the girls' book bags.

Prizes include

- A night's stay for two in a boutique room at The Grafton Arms, Fitzrovia
- Dinner for two at Lemonia, Primrose Hill
- Tickets to see Arsenal v. Burnley on Sat 22 December 2018
- A beautiful hamper
- Fitness sessions at pH7 gym
- A two hour consultation with Tamzin Greenhill of Tamzin Greenhill Design
- A £100 Reiss Voucher
- Case of Neckstamper Beer

Bits 'n' Bobs Reminder

The Y6 Charity Officers will once again run a 'Bits 'n' Bobs' stall. All proceeds will go to their charity of the term, *Rhythms of Life*, supporting the London homeless. It's the perfect time to have a 'Pre-Christmas Clean' and bring in new items or items in excellent condition; this can include party bag goodies. All donations need to be clearly marked, *Y6 Charity Stall*, and brought into school by Wednesday 5 December.

All proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar go towards making events like this possible for the girls. The Channing Association would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Santa Dash

Good luck to all the cross country runners who are participating in the 5K Santa Dash with Mrs Constant, Miss Corkindale and Miss Bolton on Saturday. The girls have been practising in their weekly sessions and the teachers were delighted that so many parents joined in the Friday morning Parent/Daughter training sessions. We look forward to seeing the pictures!

Brass Ensemble

The Brass Ensemble from the Senior School will be playing carols on 11 December at 8.10am in our playground. It would be lovely for you to join us for a sing-a-long.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Nativity

To order your tickets for the KS1 Christmas Nativity on Thursday 13 December from 2.15pm-3pm in the Arundel Centre, please click on the link to book:

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/4958> (maximum of 2 tickets per family)

Reception Celebration

The Reception girls' celebration will take place on Monday 17 December at 2pm in the Arundel Centre. Please click on the link to book your seats:

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/4956> (maximum of 4 tickets per family)

Christmas Celebration - Whole School

All the girls (Reception - Y6) will be taking part in this celebration on Friday 14 December from 2.15pm to 3.00pm at St Michael's Parish Church in South Grove, Highgate. I look forward to joining in with the carols. There is no limit on the number of people who can attend the church.

All girls will need to be collected from the church as we will not be walking them back to school. At the end of the celebration, please meet your daughter at the collection point where she will be dismissed by her teacher: Reception, Y1 and Y2 girls will be brought out to the left of the church; Y3 to Y6 will come out to the right of the church. As the girls will be dismissed from the grounds of the church, please note there will be **NO PARKING**. There will be no Late Owls or clubs on that day. We will not be taking bags to the church so please keep reading books at home on Thursday evening.

Winter Sickness

Unfortunately, it is that time of year when many of us get unwell. Please remember that if your daughter has been unwell during the night/morning, and you do not think she is able to complete the school day, you should not send her in.

ABRSM Examinations

If your daughter learns a musical instrument *out of school* and you would like us to enter her for an ABRSM examination in the Spring Term 2019, please let Miss Pepper know as soon as possible so she can send you the relevant consent forms. **These must be returned and completed to Miss Pepper by Friday 18 January.**

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to accept late or incomplete entries. Internal Music staff are aware of our deadlines. **Please note that the exams will take place between the 18 - 22 March.**

Special Mentions to:

The Christmas Pudding Label Competition winners:

- Ella Forman Y5 - Double Chocolate & Cherry Christmas Pudding
- Daisy Lucas Y4 - Apple Strudel Christmas Pudding

- Shahr Leach Y3 - Traditional Christmas Pudding

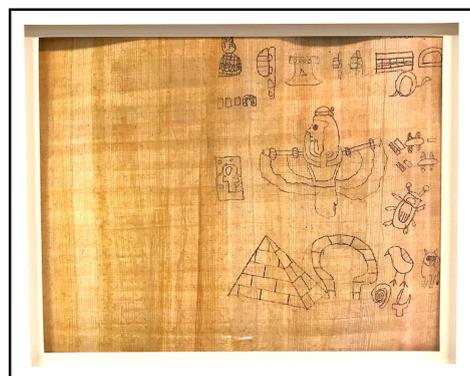
Their designs will be on the puddings bought by Channing parents. For those of you who have ordered puddings, they will be delivered to your daughters early next week.

Daisy Leon and Leila Levinson who entertained us so beautifully this morning in assembly by playing their oboe exam pieces. We wish them, and our many other candidates, good luck!

The girls who participated in the *Science Quiz*: Eibhlin Frost, Lucy Johnson, Anaaya Pujara, Natasha Hough, Allegra Loisselle, Flora Gillis, Clara Ewing and Gaby Hanouka.

Artist of the Month

Our December winner is Elizabeth Davies from Y3S. Elizabeth was nominated by Miss Snowdowne and Miss Holmes for her creative, imaginative front cover of an Egyptian dictionary. I am looking forward to hanging Elizabeth's detailed drawing in my office.



Miss Dina Hamalis

Head of Channing Junior School

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

DECEMBER		
Monday	3	Last week of Clubs
Monday	3	Y2M Castles Workshop (all day)
Tuesday	4	Y2P Castles Workshop (all day)
Tuesday	4	Presentation on Building Project (5.00pm & 6.00pm)/Fairseat Hall
Wednesday	5	Presentation on Building Project (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall
Thursday	6	Y5A & Y6A netball match v Cavendish School
Thursday	6	Y3S Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Friday	7	Swimming ends for Y4
Friday	7	Fairseat C.A. Christmas Bazaar (2.30pm-4.30pm)
Monday	10	Presentation on Building Project (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall
Tuesday	11	Inter-house Christmas Quiz (8.30am)

Tuesday	11	Fairseat C.A. Christmas Activities (1.30pm-3.00pm)
Thursday	13	Y1 & Y2 Nativity (2.15pm)/Arundel Centre
Friday	14	Fairseat Christmas Celebration (Rec-Y6)/St. Michael's Church, 2.15pm
Wednesday	19	End of Term (11.45am-12.15pm staggered)
JANUARY		
Monday	7	4+ Testing
Tuesday	8	Term Begins for Y1-Y6
Tuesday	8	4+ Testing
Wednesday	9	4+ Testing
Thursday	10	4+ Testing
Friday	11	Term Begins for Reception
Monday	14	Junior School Clubs Begin

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