

Channing Junior School Bulletin

SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

The spirit of Christmas is very much alive and kicking at Fairseat. Last week ended with a loud Christmas cheer at our fabulous Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to the Channing Association for organising such an amazing event. We all had a fun-packed afternoon visiting the cheeky elves and Father Christmas in his grotto, having a go on the Christmas Pudding Ride-on Rodeo, Pinning the Nose on Rudolph, decorating biscuits, playing on the Bouncy Castle and eating all of the yummy treats at the Cafe.

Over the weekend, I watched one of my favourite Christmas films, *Love Actually*. Being a teacher, I particularly love the Nativity scene. We may not have an octopus or lobster starring in our nativities, at least I don't think we have, although I was ever so slightly confused and later bemused when a couple of the Reception girls retold me the Christmas Story where both the Wise Men and the Leopards were following the star to visit Baby Jesus; I later realised they meant the Shepherds. I am very much looking forward to watching the younger girls in their Nativity Plays.

At this time of year, when many of us celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or both, we must remember to cherish peace and promote good will. I was very proud of all of the girls and staff who truly embraced this by helping to choose and purchase gifts for children who may not receive any other gifts at this special time. Emily, Amelia and Jemima from Y6 accompanied Miss Corkindale to Kentish Town Police Station to deliver the forty-four presents. The policewoman were very grateful and have given each year group a thank you card and police badge that I will present to the Form Captains in assembly.

Goodbyes & Welcomes

It is with a heavy heart that we will say farewell to Mrs Constant at the end of this term. I wish her and her husband the best for the future and I am sure she will be back to visit us soon.

I would also like to share Miss Litiu's news; she has been appointed as a teacher at a Special Needs School from January. I know her patience and kindness will hold her in very good stead in this challenging role.

I am delighted to tell you that in addition to our new teacher Miss Moloney, who will be teaching 1CR and 5R, we will be welcoming Miss Sarkar back. Many of you will know her as one of the Reception Teaching Assistants in the last academic year. From January, she will be supporting Miss Phipps and Mrs Miller in Year 2.

Cedar Tree

We are also waving a fond farewell to our lovely Cedar Tree. We will ensure that its memory is persevered fondly. Please get in touch if you have photographs or memories you would like to share. Thank you for all of your super suggestions regarding how we can use any healthy branches and the remainder of the trunk.

Building Project

Thank you to everyone who came to one of Mr Hill's presentations about our Building Project. It dawned on me during the Official Opening of the Arundel Centre, that the next time we have an Official Opening it will be on our side of the road. It is a very exciting time for the Junior School and for us all to see the developments unfolding in front of our eyes.

New Routines

From January, we will not be able to access the upper playground. Consequently, the main entrance to the school will be through the black door that is a little way down the road from the current entrance. In the mornings, the girls will go through the black door to the side door, along the balcony and new path to the Tennis Courts where there will be a member of staff on duty. Mr Fellows, Mr Ip or I will be standing on the door welcoming and guiding the girls. If there is heavy rain/snow, the girls will go to their classrooms; otherwise they will remain outside until the bell goes. If parents need to go to the School Office, you will still be able to go through the wooden gates and into the Courtyard.

At break times, snacks will be given out in the classrooms for the girls to eat outside. Lunch time breaks will continue to be on the Outside Play Area and Tennis Court. A new storage unit has been purchased to store toys and equipment. Clubs will continue as per usual.

At the end of the day, R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 Form Teachers will take their classes through the School to the Courtyard where the girls can be collected. Y4 and Y6 will need to be collected from the black door. The teachers and teaching assistants will of course, continue to shake hands with the girls before they leave.

From January, Early Birds will be in Fairseat Hall rather than the 4F classroom. Girls will need to be dropped off between 7.30am - 8am. Please do not arrive before this time. Late Owls will continue to be in the 4F classroom and collection will be via the Courtyard/School Office.

Christmas Jumpers - Reminder

The second outing for the girls' Christmas Jumpers is **tomorrow**. Girls can wear their own clothes to school to include their jumpers.

Brass Ensemble

The Brass Ensemble from the Senior School will be playing carols tomorrow at 8.10am in our playground. It would be lovely for you to join us for a sing-a-long. You too are invited to wear your Christmas Jumpers.

Reception Celebration

The Reception girls' celebration is on Monday 17 December at 2pm in the Arundel Centre. The girls will be dismissed from the playground after returning with their teachers from the Arundel Centre. After collecting the girls, please join us for coffee, tea and mince pies in Fairseat Hall.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Nativity

The Christmas Nativity is on Thursday 13 December from 2.15pm-3pm in the Arundel Centre. The girls will be dismissed from the playground after returning with their teachers from the Arundel Centre. After collecting the girls, please join us for coffee, tea and mince pies in Fairseat Hall.

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. Everyone is welcome, and no tickets are required. I look forward to joining in with the carols.

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.

Library

The library is open before and after school - Thursday/Friday 8 - 8.25am and Tuesday/Thursday 3 - 4pm - for you to choose books with your daughters. We are happy for Y3 - Y6 girls to be dropped off to the library and left to choose books by themselves. However, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 girls must be accompanied by an adult (not just a sibling). It can be a very busy time for Ms Jupp as she helps the girls to choose and borrow books; she is unable to keep an eye on all unaccompanied girls.

Music Exams

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 and she will send the relevant consent forms home. Internal Music staff are aware of our deadlines. **These must be returned, completed to Miss Pepper by Friday 18 January.** Unfortunately, it will not be possible to accept late or incomplete entries. Please note that the exams will take place between the 18 - 22 March.

Special Mentions to:

Hanna Dean who achieved *Grade 5* in *Music Theory Exam*. This is an amazing achievement for a girl in Y6. Well done!

Shahar Lekach, Lucy Davies and Ella Cheung who entertained us this morning by playing our entry/exit music for Assembly.

Our Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Runners and many of their parents who participated in the 5K *Santa Dash* with Mrs Constant, Miss Bolton and Miss Corkindale. They all ran in style, wearing a Santa Suit with hats and beards. The runners: Lucy Johnson, Eva Jones, Eliza Mistry, Anouska O'Neill, Rosie Birney, Flora Gills, Imogen Hicks, Maya Coetzee, Tilly Shatz, Patience Ryan, Petal Oliver, Sara Rao, Nadia Zavahir & Kaia Taboria.



Anaaya and Scarlett from 6M who put on their *Saint Nicolas and Père Fouettard* outfits and delivered a hilarious French role-play to all of the girls. They also distributed sweets to the good girls - all of them - and coal to the naughty girls - the teachers. Thank you to Madame Bury for organising this cultural and fun activity! Bonne Saint Nicolas!

Miss Dina Hamalis

Head of Channing Junior School

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

DECEMBER		
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 followed by Coffee, Tea & Mince Pies in Fairseat Hall
Friday	14	Fairseat Christmas Celebration (Rec-Y6)/St. Michael's Church, 2.15pm
Monday	17	Reception Celebration (2.00pm)/Arundel Centre followed by Coffee, Tea & Mince Pies in Fairseat Hall
Tuesday	18	Inter-house Christmas Quiz (8.30am)
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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