



Dear Parents

I had heard that Channing Christmas was one of a kind and it certainly is. One of my many highlights was helping Father Christmas deliver presents to the girls and seeing all of their faces light up as he entered the room. On the same day, the younger girls all enjoyed watching 'The Gingerbread Man', whilst the older girls loved their dance workshop and have been showing me their moves. Thank you to the Channing Association for arranging such fantastic activities. When I asked one of the girls how her day went, she replied with a huge grin on her face, 'it was the best day ever!'



We were also all treated to an amazing performance of *Christmas with The Aliens* by the Year 1 & 2 girls. I was very impressed with their acting, singing and dancing. I have just watched the fantastic Reception Nativity, *Away in a Manger* and I was very proud of the girls. What impressed me most about both performances was the girls' confidence. Like me, the girls in Reception are new to the school and I look forward to watching them grow not only in size, also socially and academically, as we embark on our Channing journey together.

The readings, poems and carols at the Christmas Celebration at St Michael's Church all made for a lovely, festive afternoon. The poem I read summarises what I would like to say to you all. I cannot quite believe that I have nearly completed my first term at Channing. Thank you for all of your support and kind wishes. I wish you all a very happy holiday spend with loved ones and I look forward to seeing you in 2019.

My Christmas Wish For You by Kristen M Saccardi

My Christmas Wish for you, my friends
Is not a simple one
For I wish you hope and joy and peace
Days filled with warmth and sun
I wish you love and friendship too
Throughout the coming year
Lots of laughter and happiness.
To fill your world with cheer
May you count your blessings, one by one

And when totalled by the lot
May you find all you've been given
To be more than what you sought
May your journeys be short, your burdens light
May your spirit never grow old
May all your clouds have silver linings
And your rainbows pots of gold
I wish this all and so much more
May all your dreams come true
May have have a Merry Christmas friend
And a happy New Year, too.

End of Term Dismissal Times

As you will have seen on your calendar, the girls will finish for the term at lunchtime on Wednesday 19 December. There will be no lunch provided nor Late Owls on that day. All girls will need to be collected at their dismissal time:

- **Reception:** 11.45am
- **Year 1** 11.50am
- **Year 2** 11.55am
- **Year 3** 12.00pm
- **Year 4** 12.05pm
- **Year 5** 12.10pm
- **Year 6** 12.15pm

Birthday Cakes and Treats

Whilst I do love cake and I have had rather a lot this weekend, it being my big birthday tomorrow, please be mindful of the size of cakes your daughters bring in to celebrate their birthdays. The cakes should be no bigger than a child's hand, and cakes that need to be cut into slices should not be brought into school. Additionally, please do not send in treats for any other occasions without prior permission from your daughter's form teacher. Please remember that as their are girls and staff with allergies, that cakes should not contain nuts or nut-products.

Building Project

There will be a further presentation by Mr Hill, our Bursar to explain our exciting plans and changes in procedures. This will be on **Wednesday 16 January at 8.30am** in Fairseat Hall. Please email fairseat@channing.co.uk if you would like to attend stating how many will be attending (maximum 2).

New Routines

During the first week of term, we will be welcoming many girls and parents for the 4+ Assessments. Thank you in advance to many of you for meeting and greeting these prospective parents. We will be carrying out the assessments in the current Y1 classrooms, which will give the girls in Y1 a chance to spend time in the Reception classrooms for the week which I am sure they will enjoy.

From January, 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 enter via the black door, go along the balcony and new crossing 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, as usual, until the bell goes. *If parents need to go to the School Office for any reason, access will be through the wooden gates and into the Courtyard.*

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.

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.

I am sure we will all settle into our new routines quickly.

Health Matters

It is recommended that children drink between 6-8 glasses of water per day (1-1.5L) to remain hydrated. The girls do of course have access to water and break times and lunchtimes. It would also help if they had water bottle at school.

Also, a reminder that it is School Policy, in accordance with guidelines from the Public Health Agency, that your daughter must remain at home for 48 hours from the last episode of any diarrhoea or vomiting:

http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf)

Thank You from the Channing Association

The Channing Association would like to thank all the Class Reps and parent volunteers that helped to make this year's Christmas Bazaar such a fantastic event. They could not put on any of our events without support and they are grateful to every parent, whether by generously donating raffle prizes, baking and buying cakes, volunteering to run stalls, and of course, by attending the events. They would also like to thank Greens of Highgate who very kindly lent us the beautiful Christmas trees for the grotto.

Instrumental Music Lessons - Spring 2019

If your daughter learns in school, her timetable for next term has now been published and is on display on the board at the entry to the Music Department. Please note that some teachers have changed their teaching day and there have been some changes to allow for school activities, such as swimming. You will receive an electronic copy of the timetable at the start of term; however, please do have a look to see when your daughters' first lesson is as some are on Tuesday 8 January.

Special Mentions to:

The girls in the Spears String Ensemble who serenaded us with a selection of Carols in Assembly this morning. What a lovely way to start the week!

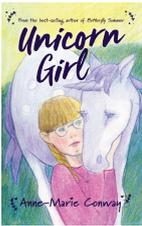
Yutao Wang who achieved in her Grade 5 ABRSM Piano with Distinction.

Yasmin Lee who achieved her Grade 3 ABRSM Violin with Merit.

Imogen Bovensiepen & Kaya Edwards who have both been offered a place in the National Children's Orchestra.

Aoife, Charmari & Saoirse Feene, along with little brother Gabriel, who held a sale of their toys to raise money for Save the Children and The World Wildlife Fund. They took turns manning the stall outside their house for three rather chilly days. They raised £95.67.

Emily Gruber and Nia Haji who raised £58.31 for this term's charity, Rhythm of Life, by holding two competitions, Guess the Magic Number & Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar. Lily Michaelson, Maya Coetzee, Delilah Brown, Sophie Reiss, Daisy Leon & Lauren Warshaw also who raised £41.04 by braiding hair.



Miss Conway for her fantastic new book, Unicorn Girl. She is giving all proceeds to a local school to build a library. If you would like to buy the book for a Christmas gift, they are available directly from Miss Conway or from Amazon at £8.99

Good Work- Creativity

This term we have been focussing on the learning habit creativity. These girls were nominated by their teachers:

Imogen Bovensiepen, Matilda Braberman, Tate Buehler, Siana Chamalidis, Isabella Craven, Primrose Dean, Evie Dovaston, Darcy Duffield, Josephine Ewing, Isabelle Geey, Francesca Gewirtz, Chileshe Gotch, Emily Gruber, Nia Haji, Maheen Hasan, Imogen Hicks, Charlotte Howarth, Thea Ionescu, Astrid Jenkins, Amelie Kent, Harriet Kirk, Elizabeth Kruglykhina, Poppy Lea, Maya Lemos, Paloma Lewis, Elisabet Llewellyn-Smith, Daisy Lucas, Jingnong Ma, Cleo Madden, Annie Manknell, Lily Michaelson, Myla Miller, Amelia-Belle Missingham, Eliza Mistry, Roop Natt, Silvia Osterholt Miele, Greta Payne, Sophie Probert, Anaaya Pujara, Tamara Pushpanathan, Agatha Ravenscroft, Sophie Reiss, Amelie Rosen, Sarah Salman, Ahana Sarkar, Chloe Shaked, Tilly Shatz, Eleanor Shenker, Ruby Sher, Luna Takagi, Amaia Taylor & Yutao Wang.

Miss Dina Hamalis

Head of Channing Junior School

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

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	Clubs Begin at Fairseat

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