

God is helping us all to bridge the gap to a better future

St. Mark's Elm

Tree Newsletter



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Diary Dates



- Dec 15th - Reception Christmas Party
- Dec 16th - Carols around the tree (invited guests)
- Dec 16th - Christmas Jumper Day
- Jan 3rd - Return to school

Dear Parents

At last we have come to the end of very long and complicated term!

It has, as usual, been packed with fun and exciting things for the children, who have responded well and behaved beautifully, as they always do.

I want to take this opportunity to thank staff who have worked very hard to make sure school remains successful and a happy settled place to learn.

We have of course much to look forward to. Our academy conversion and free school plans continue to be on track and I should have more news for you in January about the next steps. You may feel that things have gone very quiet but I can assure you that governors and I continue to work very hard to secure the best future for our school that we can.

The other very exciting development is the next planned expansion to our school. We continue to be a very popular school and take in a large number of children mid-year who move to the area. As a result, we need to expand again and work will start in February to increase the amount of classrooms we have. We are also hoping that our bid for a building to enable us to offer 30 hours of free child care for eligible families is successful. Again we will hear in January if this will happen.

So, a lot to look forward to and a lot to think about! However, without a team of dedicated staff and supportive parents, we would not be able to achieve what we do. Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to send our good wishes to Mrs Gilhespy-Swan, who remains unwell and also give thanks for Mrs Kahn's slow but steady recovery.

Thank you for your continued support and for the honest discussion we are always able to have.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and peaceful New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all again in January 2017.

Every Blessing

Mrs V Hall

Head Teacher



Our week ahead

Worship Theme - New beginnings

Mon 2nd Jan	Holiday
Tues 3rd Jan	Return to school 2017 9:00am Eucharist
Wed 4th Jan	
Thur 5th Jan	KS2 Lunchtime club
Fri 6th Jan	KS1 & 2 Lunchtime club

Attendance

Outstanding attendance gives a child the greatest opportunity to learn new things and develop their skills.



The class with the highest attendance last week was Mrs Dacombe's with 100%

House Event Winners

Christmas Quiz

Victoria



Friday 16th December



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Bring £1 and wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas T-shirt on the last day of term.



Paper Bag Design

Winners



Lila Richardson

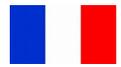
Kristian Shek

Seifer Shek

Thank You to everyone who went to so much effort to provide such wonderful bags.

French Phrase of the week

Joyeux Noel et Bonne annee



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Spelling Ambassadors

Sienna Simpson

Henry Anderson

Sophia White

Hallie Dawson

Olivia Close



Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year from everyone at St. Mark's Elm Tree