

A NEWSLETTER FROM

MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD



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Friday 9TH December 2022



With the end of term less than two weeks away the schools are buzzing with activity. We have had two excellent plays from Reception and Year 4 so far and look forward to Year 5 next week.

Celebrating Difference

As part of our Celebrating Difference driver, we want to maximize as many opportunities as we can to find out more about the different cultures in our community. Previously, we have had parents/relations come into lessons or assemblies to share a little bit about family traditions that play a part in different cultures. Sadly this had to stop over Covid, but we are now really keen to get this back.

We are therefore looking for volunteers to come into the infant school (junior school later in the year) to talk to the children about growing up in a particular culture, religion, country or diverse family. This could be with sharing photos, clothing, books, etc and can be done in year groups or as a whole assembly. If this is something you would like to help us with, please let the infant office know.

Professional Assemblies

We have had some great professional assemblies but we are still looking for more volunteers for the juniors. If you are in a profession that you would be happy to talk about in an assembly please let the junior office know – this is a great way to help our children to have high aspirations.

Maltings Art Competition

Our Art Day was a huge success and we were delighted to see so many families enjoying our pop-up gallery after school. We are very pleased that we have 8 children across the federation who are through to the final of the Maltings Art Competition and we wish them lots of luck as they go on Tuesday to find out the winners.

Hanukkah

The 8 day Jewish celebration of Hanukkah begins on Sunday 18th December and we wish all our families who are celebrating a Happy Hanukkah.

Let it Snow!

With the first snows across the country this week, we wanted to remind you of our school closure notification in the event of severe weather or an unexpected circumstance. If the schools had to close at short notice, we would send out an Arbor notification to all parents which would come as an email and SMS. There would also be a tickertape notification on the school website. There would also be online work set on Google Classroom/Seesaw/Tapestry by 9.30am

Carol Service at The Orchard Care Home

We are delighted to have been invited back to The Orchard Care Home to sing some festive songs to the residents. We will be taking Year 1 and Year 3 across on Tuesday 13th within the school day. Children will need their purple cap on this day.

Christingle Service

Our Upper School Choir are singing at St Luke's Church on Tuesday 20th from 3.30pm as part of their Christingle Service. All our families are very welcome to attend.

Open Classrooms

Classrooms will be open for children to show parents their books on Thursday 15th December between 3pm and 3.30pm.

Christmas Lunch days and Odyssey

The infants Christmas lunch will be on Friday 16th December, followed by a 'special visitor' and a digital Pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk (thank you PTA!). The juniors will have their lunch on Tuesday 20th December. All the children will be able to wear a festive/seasonal jumper with their school uniform on Christmas lunch day.

The Odyssey

The juniors will be walking to the Odyssey on Wednesday 21st in the morning. They will need to bring a packed lunch (if you are entitled to a free school meal and would like a packed lunch to be provided, please let the school know by 14th). The children should wear school caps and warm coats and gloves with their non-uniform as they walk to the cinema.

House Winners

House winners will be able to wear non uniform on Monday 19th December and will have an activity session. House winners will be announced next Friday.

Term ends at **1.15/1.20pm** on **Wednesday 21st December** and children can come in non-uniform for £1. Parents can pay the non-uniform donations for the year in one go on Arbor if it is easier than bringing in cash.

If I don't see you before, I wish you all a very happy holiday and we will look forward to seeing you all back, safe and sound and full of the joys of the New Year, on Monday 9th January 2023.

Kind regards,
Ms Elbourne-Cload

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13 Dec	INF & JNR	Year 1 and Year 3 visit The Orchard Care Home <i>(all children to wear their purple caps)</i>
14 Dec	JNR	2pm & 7pm Y5 Play to Parents <i>(children to be back at 1830 to get changed)</i> Refreshments provided by PTA
15 Dec	INF INF & JNR	Zoo Lab visit 3-3.30pm Open Classrooms
16 Dec	INF INF & JNR	Infant Christmas Lunch <i>(children can wear a festive sweater with their uniform)</i> House Winners announced
19 th Dec	INF & JNR	House Winners Activity <i>(non uniform for house winners)</i>
20 Dec	JNR	Junior Christmas Lunch <i>(children can wear a festive sweater with their uniform)</i> 3.30pm onwards Upper Choir singing at St Luke's Church
21 Dec	INF & JNR JNR INF & JNR	Non Uniform for all (donation of £1 via Arbor) Odyssey Trip <i>(all children require packed lunch & purple hats)</i> TERM ENDS (Inf 1.15pm / Jnr 1.20pm)

