



# Newsletter

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## Headline

E-Safety and Christmas

**The 12 ways that Christmas shoppers can keep children and data safe when buying smart toys and devices.**

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Planning to spend a couple of hours in a Christmas Market or even on Amazon? This Christmas there will be more tech toys than ever before, and many of them will use bluetooth or wifi to link to apps and the wider internet. Some of these toys will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play. The Information Commissioner recently published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys and it is well-worth sharing it with parents.

<https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/11/23/the-12-ways-that-christmas-shoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

**Safety alert: See how easy it is for almost anyone to hack your child's connected toys (Which? Magazine)**

Which? Magazine have also surveyed many connected toys and found that, without appropriate safety features, they can also pose a big risk to your child's safety.

The Which? video below shows just how easy it is for anyone to take over the voice control of a popular connected toy, and speak directly to children. Which? found that it is easy enough for almost anyone to do, not only skilled hackers. The link is here: <https://www.which.co.uk/news/2017/11/safety-alert-see-how-easy-it-is-for-almost-anyone-to-hack-your-childs-connected-toys/>

While we are mentioning Christmas shopping just a quick reminder about our Easy Fundraising link. It truly takes minutes to set up and once you are registered it is literally one extra click to raise money for the school FOR FREE! Please consider taking a look at this simple way to boost school funds. It is also available as an app if you tend to use your phone or tablet for online shopping. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bromptonwestbrookprimary/>

## Christmas is coming early!

To "kick off" our Christmas season, we are having a whole school Christmas dinner next Wednesday. Children will have a turkey roast with all the trimmings, including Brussel sprouts! Please remember that this is free for children in Years R - 2 and just £2.00 for children in Years 3 - 6. Later the same day we are having our popular Christmas Fair. All welcome. Please enter via the hall door on the front playground. Doors will open at 3.00pm.



## Coming Soon

**Whole school Christmas lunch  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Fair from 3.00pm  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Years 3,4,5 and 6 to MKC pantomime  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Whole school tag day  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (Pay £1 for your child to wear non-uniform)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas jumper day - pay £1 for your child to wear their Christmas jumper

## Term Dates 2017/18

### Term 2

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017  
until

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Term 3

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
until

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Term 4

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
until

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Term 5

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
until

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Term 6

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
until

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Attendance:

Last week's top 3 :

2C - 98.3%

3/4P - 99.2%

3/4F - 99.3%



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## News

### Data Collection Sheets

It is essential that we have up to date information and contact details on our data base. This is strictly confidential to the organisation, but we regularly discover that parents have moved house or changed their contact numbers and forgotten to inform us. We are therefore sending out Data Collection Sheets in phased groups over the forthcoming weeks and months. Please ensure you check the form very carefully, sign it and return it to your child's class teacher - even if there is nothing to be altered. Any changes must be clearly marked. Thank you for your co-operation.

### FS Friday Club for terms 3 and 4

This club will continue to run with the same children, although we have a few spaces still available. If you would like a place, please speak to Mrs Knight in the school office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

## Reminders

### Years 3,4,5 and 6 Pantomime

We have managed to secure a trip to Mid Kent College for pupils in the above years to watch the pantomime, Oz on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The cost is just £4.00.

### Christmas dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school Christmas lunch AND our exciting annual Christmas Fair at 3.00pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December KS2 pantomime at Mid Kent College.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Whole school tag day (If you pay £1 your child may wear their own clothes)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Christmas concert to parents 2.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - FS nativity to parents at 2.00pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Wind in the Willows for FS and KS1 in school for just £2 per child

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Y2 nativity - 09.30 to families with children and at 2.30 for adults only

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school pay £1 to wear Christmas jumper day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December FS1 Christmas concert in class 10.30am and 2.30pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas Carol Service in school 10am - all welcome

### British Values

British values are an important part of our education offer. Through our teaching of PSHE and our Rights Respecting Schools work, we promote British values within our curriculum.



### British values are:

- democracy.
- the rule of law.
- individual liberty.
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

## In The Community

### Dickensian Christmas Festival

The popular festival takes place this weekend between 10am and 5pm.

Don't miss this festive celebration as we pay homage to the life and times of the great author. Immerse yourself in the colourful and festive occasion - there's shopping, reindeer, parades, carol singing and performances PLUS it's FREE to attend!

### Pat on the Back

3/4A - Mirsha for consistently doing the right thing and always helping others and Poppy for challenging herself and using effective similes in RWI

3/4F - Hemanta for always contributing thoughtful and insightful contributions to class and using these to support his writing. Antonia for her keenness to support in jobs around the classroom

3/4M - Karina for her determination in numeracy and Rhys for helping others with their learning

3/4P - Harry for excellent work during topic and for his resilience. Isla for excellent discussions during PSHE and for constantly being a kind and supportive peer to other children

5S - Alfie for his dedication to reading, finding evidence in the text to explain a point. Bethany for asking questions and showing interest in the displays at the British Museum

5/6B - Aston for his writing in RWI and Joeb for his DT skills

6T - Avy for his excellent clay work when making his Grecian pot. Samuel O for his excellent clay work when making his Grecian pot, he has used his knowledge of the Ancient Greeks to decorate his pot beautifully

Mr MacDonald's choice - Ryan for his angles work and Aston for his angles work

### Inclusions this week

- Data collection sheets FS1 (Nursery)

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination*

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason

Deputy Heads: Mrs Price (4-7 year olds) and Mr Presneill (7-11 year olds)

Family Liaison Officer: Mrs Liddle (07535 696125)

*This school operates a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff*