December 2019

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the end of the Autumn Term of this academic year and the Staff, Governors and I wish you all a very restful Christmas break and peaceful New Year. Although a very long first term, it has been a very rewarding one with many enrichment activities.

Our Enrichment focus, to enable pupils to experience a deeper purpose to learning, is listed below:

- Dance Club
- Creative Minds Club
- Coding Club
- 5 Aside Football
- Cricket Club
- Basket Ball Club
- Traditional Games Club
- Green Screening Club
- Sports Club X 3 per week after school
- Gold Award for Sports Mark presented to school by AVSSP
- Small Schools’ Football tournament at Eyes Meadow Y5/6 (Kirk Langley Champions)
- Meynell Langley Traditional Games and Tea Party
- National Coding Week (16.9.19) Workshops for Year 3 to 6 delivered by external provider in school
- 20/9/19 – Elections of School Council/Worship Council and Change Agents (ECO) Council
- 1/10/19 – Black History Month
- 12/11/19- African Drumming Y5/6 for 5 weeks
- 11/10/19 – Harvest Act of Collective Worship – Unlimited – The Salvation Army
- 14/10/19 – Y3/4 Athletics Competition Alfreton
- 11/11/19 – Anti-Bullying Week
- 15/11/19 – Anti-Bullying Workshops YR to Y6 external provider
- Y3-6 World Faith Workshops (Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism and Christianity)
- 18/11/19 KS1 Handball Belper Leisure Centre
- 2/12/19 – Y3/4 Handball Belper Leisure Centre
- 6/12/19 – YR-Y6 Rowing Challenge
• YR Forest School – Kedleston Estate x 9 sessions
• Y2-4 Christmas Performance – The Tale of Two Gospels
• Y6 Spoken English Final judged by Mr G Meynell – extract from The Iliad 13/12/19
• Bake Sale – Raising Awareness of Diabetes 13/12/19
• 20/12/19 Carols and Crib Community service

New Classrooms
Our newly built classrooms have certainly enhanced Teaching and Learning. We are looking forward to the landscaping which, we hope, will begin in January 2020. On Friday 6th December, the Amber Valley School Sports’ Partners brought the new rowing machines and software and it was great to have some parents compete at the end of the day. Every child participated in the rowing races and we saw some real talent emerging.

Christmas Performance
Year 2-4 are to be congratulated on the meaningful and informative presentation of ‘The Tale of Two Gospels’. The focus on deepening RE literacy was creatively interpreted. The continued support from our parents and family members saw two ‘packed’ performances on Thursday 12th December 2019. We received welcome praise and such comments below really impacted on the children’s confidence:
‘It was not just a traditional nativity by primary children but a superb educational and theological presentation which must have melted the hearts of the parents as they watched the confidence with which their children delivered this very innovative nativity.’

‘I would like you to know how truly impressed I am with the school’s nativity production. The children were absolutely fantastic: they all knew what to say, what to do and, more importantly, clearly understood what they were saying. They were obviously engaged in the story of the nativity, as told in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.’

School Council/Change Agent
Our School Councillors and Change Agent Councillors joined forces on Friday 13th December, 2019 to raise awareness of Diabetes. Their organised Bake Sale raised £200.70 for the Diabetes Charity. Thank you, too, to the parents and carers who also supported this cause.

Christmas Party
Our end of term ‘Party Day’ is on Thursday 19th December 2019. All children can choose to wear their party attire, rather than their normal school uniform, on the day.

Carols and Crib Service
Friday 20th December is the end of Term and at 2pm the whole school are invited to St Michael’s for the Church Carols and Crib service. Parents and friends are also invited and the service will be led by the members of the Church Parish Council. We will dismiss the children at 3.15pm from the school. Please also be reminded, as our Website Calendar displays, there will be no ‘After School’ provision.
Thank you to those parents who joined us for the demonstration on how to use the school website to locate information; especially the Calendar of events for the academic year 2019 2020. If we need to add events or alter times we will send a text message as an alert.

Please notify the School Office to any change of address or mobile phone contacts.

**Flu Vaccinations:**
On Tuesday 17th, the School Nurse will be revisiting local schools, including Kirk Langley Church of England Primary, to administer the flu vaccine. Please ensure the online form has been completed online.

**Lateness**
Lateness Reminder: On the very rare occasions where pupils are late an adult must take the child to the new school office to give the reason for the delay. All schools must monitor lateness and attendance.

We begin the Spring Term on Monday, 6th January 2020.

Happy Holidays

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Headteacher/