

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD

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Tuesday 04 December 2018



So we have just over two weeks left till the end of term and the pace is building! I thought I'd take this opportunity to give a few reminders and news.

Christmas Fair Success

Thank you all for the excellent support of the Christmas Fair this year. The PTA put on a marvelous spread and the Fair was very well attended. Over £4000 was raised, which is a tremendous feat. I would like to say a huge thank you to Darshna Patel-Davies and her team for their organisation skills and to all the other helpers who put in a great amount of effort. We will let you know more about how much money was raised and how that will be used in the new year.

Christmas Performance reminder

Year 4 on Wednesday 12 December at 7pm – no tickets needed but please keep to 2 guests per family if possible

Year 5 on Wednesday 19 December at 7pm – no tickets needed but please keep to 2 guests per family if possible

Our afternoon performances are for the rest of the school to see, however there may be a few extra seats for parents who are unable to attend in the evening, but these will be very limited.

Year 3 and 6 will be holding productions later on in the year. These dates will be sent out as soon as we have finalised them.

Parking

I have had several people ask me to remind all parents about parking near the school. We would like encourage all to park further away from the school and walk for the last 5 minutes of the journey – not only to cut down congestion, but also to promote walking to school. There is no parking at the sub-station entrance opposite the school or in the St Luke's car park at any time – their spaces are reserved for church users. We have suggested to residents that photos/videos of dangerous parking should be forwarded directly to the police, as we have no powers of enforcement and unfortunately repeated pleas for safe parking have had little impact.

Reading, Reading, Reading

The library would be very happy to receive any comics/graphic novels appropriate for primary aged children that are no longer needed. Also if there are any adults out there who could spare an hour to hear upper school children read, it would be greatly appreciated – please let the office know your availability.

School Closure system – (snow season!)

The closure notification system, Everbridge, is managed by Hertfordshire County Council. To receive messages about your specific school closures (including secondaries) parents can register at:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

Open Classrooms

Our open classrooms will be from 3-3.45pm on Monday 17 December. You are all very welcome to come in and look at your children's work with them.

Christmas Dinner and Seasonal Jumper day Thursday 20th December

You should have already received a letter about the Christmas Dinner. We are also letting children come in that day wearing a seasonal or Christmas jumper.

House Winners will also be able to wear non-uniform on Tuesday 18th December and the winners will be announced the previous week.

Last day of Term and the Odyssey Cinema Trip- Friday 21 December.

As a special treat the whole school will visit the Odyssey Cinema on the morning of the last day of term. The Children will be able to wear non uniform on the last day for £1 PTA donation, but they will need their school caps and warm coats for the walk to and from the cinema in the morning.

They will also need to bring a packed lunch to eat at school when they return. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, and you would like a packed lunch to be provided by the school kitchen, please inform the office by Friday 7 December.

Term ends at 1.20pm on that day and the new term will start for children on Tuesday 8 January.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events coming up before the end of term and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support of our school.

Summary of dates for your diary this term:

Wed 5 Dec	9.05 Piano Assembly
Fri 7 Dec	Last day for all teacher-led clubs including football club
Wed 12 Dec	Y4 play @7pm
Thurs 13 Dec	Y4 Chill Out morning
Fri 14 Dec	9.05 Orchestra playing in Assembly PTA Festive Cake Sale (selling 2 nd hand uniform)
Mon 17 Dec	Open Classrooms 3-3.45pm
Tues 18 Dec	Y6 Assembly to parents 9.10am House Winners non-uniform day
Wed 19 Dec	Y5 play @7pm
Thurs 20 Dec	Christmas Dinner day & Christmas/seasonal Jumper day
Fri 21 Dec	Odyssey Cinema, Non-Uniform for £1, School Caps, Packed Lunches, Term Ends 1.20pm
Next Term	Tuesday 8 January

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PARENT FEEDBACK

NAME :

(Optional but helpful if you would like a reply or explanation)

COMPLIMENTS:

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: