

Dear Parents,

### 'Keep Us Safe' campaign in Road safety week 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November

Mrs Maskell has sent out a powerful letter describing how parents and children can support our campaign. For the mufti day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November all children can wear bright clothes which enable them to be seen in the dark.

We have an ongoing issue with our parking space for disabled badge holders. The purpose of the scheme is to allow badge holders to visit shops and other places more conveniently. They must ensure that the badge is used with care and attention to the rules: - it is the badge holder's responsibility to ensure that the badge is used properly. It is in their own interest that the badge should retain the respect of other motorists. Badge holders should play their part.

We have a number of families who need to use this space every day; it is important therefore that anyone who does not urgently need to use this space should find elsewhere to park.

### MLE competition winners Congratulations



The winners of the MLE competition are:  
Layla Mock - Green Class  
Roshan Karunaharan - Turquoise Class  
The results have also been posted in the MLE parent room.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition we had a huge response.

In the Foundation Stage nearly 100 children entered and in KS1 125 children

got the answer correct with the majority of the children in each class entering.



### Children in Need

We raised £380 for this charity and the children and staff all looked fantastic as superheroes and princesses.

### International Week 12- 16 January

In our school we have over 20 different languages and countries represented by families who have originated from around the world. In January we will be celebrating the diversity of our school and sharing our cultures.

If you have any skills, stories, recipes or knowledge you would be happy to share with the children and have time to come into school please let Mrs King, Indigo Class, know before Christmas. She will liaise with classes and year groups to ensure children have the opportunity to learn about the world we live in. If you come into school as a 'one off' you will be asked to complete a 'list 99' check and will be accompanied by a member of staff at all times.

We would like to end the week with a celebration assembly. If your child or group of children would like to perform a dance, song or piece of music from your country of origin or culture please let Mrs King know. The assembly will be at 9 am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Parents of the children performing will be able to sit at the back to watch the performance.



### Signing In

You will note that if you visit the school for

any reason or if your child is late we now have a new system to record this.

The computer screen can be adjusted to suit the height of the person. It is important that all pupils arrive on time. If the late system does have to be used it will be recorded on your child's file.



### New Phone system

We also have a new phone system. When you ring the school you will hear three options

- 1 Absence line
- 2 Office
- 3 Events

If the office staff are busy or not available you will still be able to leave a message which will be picked up as soon as possible. It is also always possible to email the office, [office@cheamparkfarminfants.org.uk](mailto:office@cheamparkfarminfants.org.uk) and the email will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff.

### Lighthouse Club

Children in Year 2 may have come home talking about a new club which started last Friday in Rainbow House. It is a Christian based club run by Sarah and Jen. The club focuses on Bible stories and involves children taking part in arts and crafts activities. Many children were interested in joining this club and 20 were chosen. There will be the opportunity for others to join the club later in the year.



### Reception digging / wildlife area

Mrs Maskell is working towards updating the passage way between Red Class and Turquoise Class. There are a number of raised beds which provide some wildlife activities for the children. If you have an

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interest in this type of activity Mrs Maskell would be very pleased to hear from you as we would like to redesign and replant the area. We also need donations of compost, kitchen tiles, slate, garden canes and plywood. If you are a keen gardener and have some extra plants such as clematis that would also be appreciated. Please do not send anything in before contacting Mrs Maskell either by phone or the school email [office@cheamparkfarminfants.org.uk](mailto:office@cheamparkfarminfants.org.uk)



## Mathematics

We have been inspired by a new way of introducing some mathematical concepts to the youngest children in our school. To this end we are requesting empty egg boxes that hold 10 eggs; not 12 or 6 just 10 to support our mathematics. Please hand them into the class teachers or office and they will be distributed amongst classes.

## Party Invitations

I have been asked to remind parents that it is school policy for the teachers and TAs not to distribute party invitations. As you can imagine if we did this for everyone it would take a chunk of time away from learning time and also this way staff remain neutral. Year 1 and Year 2 children now know which classes their friends are in and can be relied upon to deliver them or parents / carers / children can distribute in the playground. Reception parents can slip them into the bookbags when they are stored outside the class.

## Lost Property

It has been noted that the area around the Yellow Class spot was becoming very congested at the end of the day. We have therefore decided to move the Lost Property Bin. It is now closer to Molesey Drive near the railings.



## Safer Neighbourhood

It has been drawn to my attention that there has been a spate of nails on the road which

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are causing damage to cars. The Safer Neighbourhood teams are aware of this but please report if you notice this problem.



## Christmas Communication

You will begin to notice many letters regarding Christmas events arriving in the bookbags or by email. This is certainly a busy time for all. Please let the school staff know if there is anything you do not understand or are having trouble supplying. I would also urge you to keep an eye on the digital signage on Rainbow House as we try to keep this as up to date as possible. I must stress to everyone that we do not expect parents to spend large amounts of money on costumes.

## Christmas Festivities



Christmas is approaching really quickly and the children are starting to work hard learning their songs for the Christmas productions.



## Mufti Days

We have **Mufti days** planned for **Friday 21 November and Friday 28 November**. All children can wear their own clothes and bring in a donation for the school fair. On Friday 21 November children should wear bright clothes to fit in with our 'Be Safe Be Seen' Road Safety week. Please see PTFA bulletins to find out more information.

## Christmas Postbox



The post box will be outside

Mrs. Day's office from **Monday 1 December**

On each envelope the full child's name and class must be written clearly. Each year we have to throw away cards which are not clearly written. This is such a shame. Class lists will be emailed to parents but are also available from the office (not the teachers please). All children should bring their own cards in to post; parents do not have to accompany them to the post box.

## Christmas Tree

The **Christmas tree** will be decorated on **Thursday 27 November**. A child from each class will be chosen to take part in this activity.



## Christmas Fair

**Saturday 29 November from 12 noon.**

We still need lots of help for the fair. Please see PTFA letters and give as much support as possible.

## Friday 5 December

**Year 2 choir** will be performing at **St Nicholas Centre at 10.30am.**

**Wednesday 10 Dec: Key Stage 1 production at 9.15, 10.45 and 2.00pm**

2 tickets issued per family.

**Please make child care arrangements for babies and young children as no little ones will be allowed**

**into the audience. Also check that child minders are aware of this.** (letter to follow)

Parents should queue outside Red gate prior to the performance

**Thursday 11 Dec:  
Foundation Stage production  
9.30, 2.15**

2 tickets issued per family.  
**Child care arrangements must be made for all babies and young children. No little ones will be allowed into the audience** (letter to follow)

Parents should queue outside Red gate prior to the performance

**Monday 15 Dec:  
Year 2 choir invited to sing at local day centre for elderly**



**Tuesday 16 December: Special School Christmas Lunch** – hats will be made and worn for this special meal in school. All children are welcome to take part in this. Staff will be joining them to eat lunch



**Tuesday 16 Dec -2pm:  
Community Concert** – if you know of any elderly residents or grandparents in the local area who would like to hear our children sing and perform please give names, and contact details into Jane Quigley in the school office.



**Wednesday 17 Dec:  
Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime for Year R, 1 and 2**



**Thursday 18 Dec:  
Christmas Parties.**  
The children can wear their own warm party clothes with sensible

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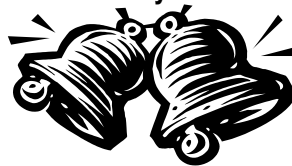
shoes. No need to send in any food or drink – it will be supplied by the PTFA.

Nursery am will be closed and all nursery children will come to school in the afternoon. More details available from the nursery.

**Friday 19 Dec:  
Children's Carol concert at St. Oswald's during the morning**

**Last day of term Friday 19 Dec  
Pick up at 2 p.m.**

**Return to school on Tuesday 6  
January 2015**



Look forward to seeing you at our Christmas events,

Best Wishes  
Alison Day.