



Newsletter

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15 December 2023
Autumn 2, Week 13

Christmas Performances

Wow, wow, wow! We are so proud of all our children from the youngest in Reception to the oldest in Y6. I am sure you will all agree that they all performed magnificently in the Christmas performances this week. Many thanks to Mrs Burton, Mrs Davies and the whole staff for all their hard work in bringing them altogether, and to all the parents and carers who came along to watch.

Christmas Post Box (Reception Y1 and Y2)

The Christmas Post Box for Reception, Y1 and Y2 opened on Monday! If your child wishes to send a Christmas card to any of their friends, please write on the outside of the envelope the child's name whom it is being sent (first name and surname), and class along with a coloured dot to represent the class colour to help the children when sorting the cards for delivery.

Infant Children

Please could you send in a named carrier bag next week for any artwork which needs to be taken home. Also please take your child's PE kit home on Wednesday.

Swimming

Scarlet class will have their catch up swimming lesson on Wednesday 20 December. Please send your child in with this swimming kit. Thank you.

Help Choosing Books as Gifts

If you are thinking of buying books as presents for children this festive season, you may find the following guidance helpful - especially as there are so many wonderful titles to choose from!

- Follow **Spark!** on 'X' (formerly Twitter) for their '12 Books of Christmas Countdown'. Spark is one of the few children's books awards competitions voted for by children with diversity at the heart of what they do; they

currently have their long list of titles which will be reduced to the final shortlist which is then shared with schools and parents in the new year: **@sparkbookaward**

- Ask anyone in **The Alligator's Mouth**. This is an independent bookstore in Richmond that we work with regularly. As children's books specialists, their knowledge and stock is second to none!
- For a longer 'Best of 2023' check out the Book Trusts lists [here](#) which are organised into age groups.
- The Guardian have a similar 'Best of 2023' list [here](#)
- Finally, for a list that includes classics as well, check out the BBC's top 20 children's books ever [here](#)

Reminders

Admissions September 2024

If you have a child who was born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20 you need to apply for a place in Reception 2024, even if you already have a child attending the school. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions to make your application. Closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

Children who are in Y2 need to also apply for a place in the Junior School in September 2024.

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Clubs

See attached forms for Mini Pins and Gardening Clubs.

See attached flyer for Karate Club.

**Don't forget school finishes at 2.15 pm next Thursday at Meadway and
2.25 pm next Thursday for Y1-Y6**

DIARY DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS		
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>		
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
Thurs 21 Dec	All	Last day of term – 2.15 pm for Meadway, 2.25 for Y1-Y6
Tues 9 Jan	All	Start of Spring Term
INFANT ONLY DATES		
Mon 18 Dec	All	Christmas Pantomime coming into school – please send in your voluntary £5 contribution by ParentMail. This wonderful pantomime is largely funded by the PTA, so thank you.
JUNIOR ONLY DATES		
Wed 20 Dec	Y3-Y4	Nativity to parents at 9.30 am at All Saints Church, Campbell Road, Twickenham, TW2 5BY
Thu 8 Feb	Y6	6D class assembly
Thu 29 Feb	Y4	4BR class assembly
Thu 7 Mar	Y3	3J class assembly
Thu 14 Mar	Y5	5AJ class assembly
Thu 2 May	Y4	4M class assembly
Thu 9 May	Y5	5R class assembly
13-17 May	Y6	SATS
17-19 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall
Thu 23 May	Y3	3HS class assembly
Thu 13 June	Y6	6AW class assembly
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood



COMMUNITY

Heatham House Winter Programme

See attached flyer.