

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been really lovely getting to know more of you over the past few weeks. The children too have also made me feel very welcome and have helped me to settle quickly.

Please can I remind you to make sure that your child's name is on their clothing, including coats? As we have so many children here, it is not always possible to return items to the right person. If we have names in clothing, this will be much easier.

Lateness has got much better over the past few weeks. We even had a day when no one was late, so well done to everyone.

We have parent consultation sessions this week, so please make sure that you make an appointment to see your child's teacher.



Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. R. Hastings; consultant head teacher.

TEACHINGS FROM SHRI SHIKSHASHTAKAM

(Verse 3) -Respect

One should chant the holy name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking oneself lower than the straw in the street; one should be more tolerant than a tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige, and should be ready to offer all respect to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the holy name of the Lord constantly.

GOOD NEWS

Young Writers

This term, many children entered their poems for the Young Writers competition. We were really impressed with the quality of the work that was submitted. The publishers must have thought the same thing as over 80 poems will be printed in next year's volume most likely to be exclusively celebrating our children's writing!!

MORE GOOD NEWS

Last term, the school held an enterprise week whereby each class was able to design a profit making project to raise money for charity. Altogether, the children raised a staggering

£1687.23

Well done to everyone involved. The children have decided to donate the money to Save the Children Fund.

Attendance Matters

DECEMBER 2015

Since half term, the whole school attendance

figure was **96.2%** which is above the national requirement of 95%. It is essential that all pupils attend school regularly so that they can reach their full potential. Let's see if we can raise this figure to **97%** for the next half term.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES All performances begin at 8.30 am. Reception: date: Tuesday 8th December Nativity KS1: Wednesday 9th December Christmas around the world KS2: Thursday 10th December Christmas carol concert with reflections from some children.



VALUES FOR THIS HALF OF TERM

Our value for this next half term is **Self-Discipline**. We now have a values tree outside the dining hall. All members of the community can receive a leaf to put on the tree when they have shown exceptional self-discipline. After the Christmas break, the value will be **Respect**.

Year 6 Trip to RAF Hendon

As a part of our learning about World War One, year 6 visited the RAF museum and learnt many amazing things about planes and their use during the war. We learnt about the 3 different types of planes, which are reconnaissance, fighter jets and bomber planes. Reconnaissance planes were sent to spy on enemy camps; fighter jets were made for exhilarating air battles (or dog fights, as they called it) and bomber planes certainly live up to their names. We learnt about observers and pilot and how the phenomenal pilots bravely climbed out of the planes to mend parts of the aircraft when they were broken. We had many fun experiences such as having the privilege to visit a colonel's office at the time of the world war. We also learnt about a famous Hindu air ace (a pilot who has shot down five or more planes), Indra Lal Roy, who flew between the age of 18 and 19 (he died at the age of 19). Overall, we felt great remorse for the pilots who died for such an unnecessary cause.

Written by Krishna C and Tirth

Parking near school

Please, please be aware of the parking restrictions near to the school building. A number of parents have been parking on the school drive and even on the zig zag lines just outside on the road. We really need to keep everyone safe especially our children.

USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Reception: date: Tuesday 8th December from 08:30 am to 09:30 am: Nativity

KS1: Wednesday 9th December from 08:30 am to 09:30 am: Christmas around the world

KS2: Thursday 10th December from 08:30 am to 09:30 am: Christmas carol concert with reflections from some children.

Friday 11th December last day of term
Monday 4th January 2016 first day of the Spring Term.
Friday 15th January 2016 Admissions Application Deadline for September 2016 Reception class intake

School Council and the Eco-Committee

School Council Members

Year 1 H- Jil, Orion Year 1 V- Darsh, Mahi Year 2 A- Siddh, Umika Year 2B- Vaanya, Aarav Year 3- Aniyora,Vrndavan Year 4- Rhys, Vrshni Year 5- Pranay, Jaina Year 6- Aryan P, Maahi

Eco Committee Members

Year 1 H- Ruhi, Arush Year 1 V- Lilamanjari, Radush Year 2 A- Neil, Meshwa Year 2B- Aaran, Vanya Year 3 – Prayag, Prisha Year 4- Krish, Amee Year 5- Vrinda, Aahuti Year 6- Krish, Sunil



A huge thank you to the team at FOKAS who have held two very successful and enjoyable events this half term; the cake and book sale and the Pamper evening. Not only did we all have a good time, but money was raised too! Please look out for other events in the future.