



DIAMOND CLASS STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Polly Cudby will be staying with us for the next two terms as part of our job share team with Mrs Riley in Diamond Class.

The following arrangements will be in place from next week:-

- Mrs Cudby will be here full time for the rest of this Autumn Term.
- Mrs Riley will return to class on Monday 10 December alongside Mrs Cudby for Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday each week. (The overlap of staff is to ensure a smooth transition back for Mrs Riley to get to know the children/parents before January).
- In January Mrs Riley will be in Diamond Class Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Mrs Cudby Wednesday afternoon/Thursday and Friday. Mrs Pollitt will continue to be in Diamond Class on Thursday afternoons for PE.

We look forward to new and exciting teaching and learning in Diamond Class!

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Earrings

- children are not permitted to wear earrings in school.
- Retainers/plugs are not permitted.
- Please contact Mrs Price if you wish to discuss this further.

Socks

- Please keep those toes warm with black, grey, white socks (plenty of dressing up time available on special days).

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

The PTA and the children have been very busy designing, creating and making final preparations for our Christmas Fair on Friday at 6pm. A few reminders for this week:

- On Friday children are welcome to come in their own clothes in exchange for chocolates or a bottle (liquid beverage of any kind. No tomato or brown sauce thank you) for the tombola.
- We would be grateful for any donations of cakes or biscuits for the refreshment area.
- **No Family Worship on Friday afternoon.**
- Help for PTA set up is gratefully received – see/contact Julie Pearson if you are available.
- Please return any sold or unsold raffle tickets. There are extra books available if anyone can sell any more.
- **Friday Football** – children will be changing in Ruby Class. Pick up will be from Ruby Class (no access to rest of school).
- **After School Club** – all children will be on activities in the infant ICT area. Pick up as normal from front entrance.
- Please remember parking is limited near school, but you are welcome to park at either St Paul's church or Brookhouse Methodist Church.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL POLICY

A polite reminder to all families that nuts are not permitted for snack/lunchtime. We currently have children with serious nut allergies so we would be very grateful for your help. Thank you.



GOVERNOR NEWS

The Governing Board had its Autumn main meeting on the 26th November. We were very pleased to welcome Rachael Lee to our team as a Foundation Governor. Rachael has long experience in the Education sector and will be a valuable addition.

Governors also confirmed the term dates for 2019-20, discussed this year's financial bid to the Diocese, reviewed all its committees, addressed school improvement priorities and the budget for the next financial year. Mrs Price the Headteacher presented her termly report.

Mrs Anna Shone was re-elected as Chair and Mrs Tricia Griffiths as Vice Chair.

DUKES THEATRE TRIP

Thank you to all staff and volunteers for their help and support last Friday. The trip was a huge success with both children and adults having a great time. Well done to Alan Wadsworth and William for their superb performance on stage as pirates!!

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

The children will be exploring 'Christmas Around the World' starting with our carol service on Monday 17 December. Listen out for some French and German carols. There may be a bit of West Indian in there too!

The theme will continue all week in class. EYFS will be learning about Christmas very close to home in the UK. Ruby – Mexico, Topaz – Russia, Year 3 – Norway, Year 4 – Finland, Year 5 – France and Year 6 – Germany. On Friday 21 December, the children will be displaying all they have learnt about their country in the hall.

Why not have a look? The hall will be open for viewing from 9am – 10am. Tea, coffee and mince pies available.

SCHOOL NATIVITY

Tickets are now on sale for both performances next week – details below:

- Wednesday 12 December 2pm and 6pm.
- £1.50 per ticket for adults and children over primary age.
- Children at primary school – entrance is free.
- Limited tickets available on the door due to number of seats available.

VIP WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's VIP winners are:-

Reception – Stanley for excellent listening for the next sounds in his writing.

Year 1 – George for trying really hard in everything he does.

Year 2 – Jack for being a friend to all and always having a smile on his face.

Year 3 – Lucy for a super week in school. Such resilience.

Year 4 – Callum for fantastic writing and working hard.

Year 5 – Lucas for being happy, hardworking and enthusiastic.

Year 6 – Elizabeth for having an excellent attitude and always being ready to learn.

TERM DATES 2019/20

Confirmed holiday dates can now be viewed on the school website under our school, school information, term dates and session times.

END OF TERM SERVICE

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 1.30PM

We will be ending this term with a short Church Service at St Paul's Church from 1.30pm. Children may be collected from school after the service at 2.15pm (normal rear door arrangements).

NB No After School Club on this day.



ST JOHN'S HOSPICE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTIONS

11, 12, and 13 JANUARY 2019

Recycle your Christmas tree for charity. No mess in the car, no queries at the tip, no need to chop, just remove the decorations!

£6 suggested donation to St John's Hospice. Book your tree collection now. Call 01524 382538 or book online at www.sjhospice.org.uk/recyclertrees

All trees must be booked for recycling before 5pm on Tuesday 8 January.

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

The Village Carol Service will be held at Caton St Paul's Church on Sunday 16 December at **6.30pm** not 7pm as advertised in the Link. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

On Friday 7th December at 4.30pm you are welcome to join the Caton Christmas Lights switch on at the War Memorial gardens in Caton when there will be carols and the Christmas story followed by the Christmas tree lights switch on! Afterwards, inside the Victoria Institute, there will be refreshments and Christmas crafts. Torches might be helpful (and fun!).

Everyone welcome!

NATIVITY SERVICE INCLUDING MESSY CHURCH

Brookhouse Methodist Church
Sunday 16th December at 10.45am

Everyone is welcome to come to the nativity service including Messy Church.

Craft, fun and music. Cakes and Mince Pies at the end of the service.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We are noticing an increase in the number of children who are arriving late to school in the morning. Staff will be outside at 8.50am to bring children in to start the school day. The rear doors will close at 8.55am and after this time children will need to come the front door and be signed in by an adult as they will be regarded as late. Learning starts promptly at 9am after registration and if they are late they are missing this important time of the day. They also may miss ordering their lunch!

Please can we also remind parents if they need to see a member of staff or to hand anything in at the office they must **not** use the rear door, but instead go round to the front entrance.

NO PARENTS SHOULD BE ENTERING SCHOOL THROUGH THE REAR DOORS.

Thank you for your co-operation.

OASIS CAFÉ

An oasis is a safe resting place that provides refreshment. Oasis café does the same. It is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Brookhouse Methodist Church **from 9am** to 2pm. If you need a place to come and meet with others over a coffee and cake or a light lunch you will be welcome here. There will be toys available if you want to bring your children. Come and relax and be refreshed.

LIVE NATIVITY

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER AT CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Come and explore the Christmas story as you are led through the busy market place of Bethlehem during the time of the Census. With live animals, food, carols and a visual Christmas message.

We'll have four showings 3pm, 3.45pm, 4.30pm and 5.15pm. No need to book. Open to all ages. Free entry.



DIARY DATES

(please remember to check the school calendar on website for updates)

Fri 7 Dec		Non uniform day in exchange for chocolate / bottle for Christmas Fair tombola
	6pm	Christmas Fair
	6.45pm	Choir singing at Christmas Fair
Tues 11 Dec	11am	St Paul's Pastoral Church Service (choir singing)
Tues 11 Dec	2pm	Nativity dress rehearsal
Wed 12 Dec	2pm	Nativity (1 st showing)
	6pm	Nativity (2 nd showing)
Thurs 13 Dec	1pm onwards	Choir singing at The Low Wood Hotel with Lakes Gospel Choir
Sat 15 Dec	2pm	Live Nativity at Caton Baptist Church (school choir performing)
Sun 16 Dec	6.30pm	Village Carol Service at Caton St Paul's Church
Mon 17 Dec		Christmas Dinner Day
		Christmas Jumper and Hat day (normal uniform bottom half!)
	1.45-2.45pm	'Elf Run' – Charity walk/run in aid of St John's Hospice – joint activity with Caton Community School
	6pm	School Carol Concert at St Paul's Church
Tues 18 Dec	2pm	Musical instrument performance (Mrs East)
Fri 21 Dec	1.30-2.15pm	End of term church service (children may be taken home after the service – from normal school rear entrance.
Fri 21 Dec		No After School Club

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Sunday 9 Dec 10.30am Children's service

6.30pm Youth Service

Saturday 15 Dec 3pm, 3.45pm, 4.30pm and 5.15pm Live Nativity

Sunday 16 Dec 10.30am Celebration

6.30pm Carol Service at St Paul's

Friday 21 Dec 6.30pm Carol singing around village

Christmas Eve 6pm Family Service

Christmas Day 10am Family Service