

# JOPS News



Date: 19 December 2018

## Note from Mrs Durrant

Dear parents/carers,

Well, the final school day of 2018 is here and what a year it has been! We look back fondly on all of the great achievements and memories we have created in our Oglethorpe story book.

It was great to see so many of you this week at the infant concerts and Christmas Singalong. The children's performances were fantastic at all of these events. However, I feel I must apologise for the carol concert last night, as it didn't quite work out as we had planned. Next year we intend on getting some microphones so that all can hear. Nevertheless, thank you for coming along.

All that is left is to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you back on the 7 January 2019.

Take Care.

## MAD Week – 7 January

In our first week back we are holding an exciting week of Music, Art and Drama events for the whole school on the theme of Recycling.

A letter has gone home to parents today with a request for all sorts of recyclable materials (your orange bags will be a bit lighter over the Christmas break!) for the children to use in workshops and on projects.

We will need permission slips returned for Years 1-6 on the first day back - **7 January** - for events being held at Thames Chase Forest Centre, Hall Mead and Coopers schools. Unfortunately, we will not be able to chase parents for permission, so if we do not have the slips back then children will not be able to go on these excursions.

On Friday 11 January we will be holding a non-uniform day (with a donation of £1 towards the cost of the events).

MAD week will be a really fun, creative way to start the year.

We hope that you will be able to come along from 3pm on Friday 11 January to see an exhibition of the work that has taken place.

## Santa's been early!

We have generously been given lots of presents from different charities to pass on to some of our children this Christmas. So we picked names from a hat yesterday, one for each class, and these children received a present today.

## Christmas Holiday Extreme Reading Challenge

Over the Christmas holidays we'd like you to take part in an extreme reading challenge.

Children will need to get someone to take a photo of them reading in a festive place, or looking extremely festive - and maybe even reading something festive!

There will be a Golden book token for all those children who take part in the Christmas Holiday Extreme Reading Challenge and bring their photo into school in January 2019.

One winner from the infants, and one winner from the juniors, will be selected in assembly to choose a Golden prize.

## DATES FOR JANUARY

07.01.19 – Spring Term begins

07.01.19 – MAD week

08.01.19 – Prospective Parents Tour

10.01.19 – KS2 SATs Parents Meeting 6-7pm

15.01.19 – closing date for applications for Reception school places

16.01.19 – Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

21.01.19 onwards – Creative Workshops with Parents

25.01.19 – Year 5&6 Knife Crime assembly