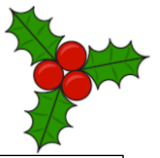




Miss Shaw's Newsletter



Dear children and families,

It has been a very busy week with Miss Owen working with every year group to get all the filming done for our Christmas Nativity/Carol Concert this year. The singing has been amazing, and so lovely to hear in our school. Thank you to those parents who provided some costumes this year.

I would like to add my thanks again for all the support you are showing the school at the start and end of the days. Now we have been placed into Tier 2 we have reviewed our risk assessment and feel that it is still fit for purpose so we will not be making any changes to what we are doing. I have everything crossed that our local numbers continue to fall and that we enter into Tier 1 in the not too distant future.

Just a quick reminder of what will be happening during the last week of term.

Monday 14 th December	Live (online) Pantomime from The Castle School in Cambridge. This is a professional company working with The Castle to put on a Panto. We can't wait to see what they have been up to!
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas lunch for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Gosling, Duckling, Wren, Ostrich and Flamingo Classes) Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper to school and, if they wish, a homemade hat for Miss Shaw's Christmas Hat competition!
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas lunch for children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Kiwi, Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Eagle and Kestrel Classes). Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper to school and, if they wish, a homemade hat for Miss Shaw's Christmas Hat competition!
Friday 18 th December	School finishes at: 2.00pm for Reception and Y1 2.10pm for years 2 and 3 2.15pm for years 4, 5 and 6. As we usually do at the end of the day, you can collect all your children at the same time. The Orchard will close at 4.15pm
Classes to choose time/date	We have a second, pre-recorded panto bought for the children to watch. We bought this prior to The Castle advertising theirs and we wanted to support a local school.

Thank you for asking about end of term and some of the usual things which would go on in school without a second thought.

Can the children bring in Christmas Cards to hand out? Cards can be brought in from **Monday 7th December until Friday 11th December**. The post box will then be put in quarantine for the weekend and Y5/6 will deliver the cards the following week. Please make sure that the name of the child (that the card is for) and their class is on the front of the envelope or we will not be able to deliver them.

My child would like to give the adults in their class a Christmas present – is this ok?

If you wish to give a gift, then please do.

As we are unable to do tours for new parents this year, we have commissioned two short videos of the school. They will be published on our website early next week.

Finally, don't forget my little competition! I would like the children, if they wish, to make a Christmas hat to wear on the day they are having their Christmas lunch. There will be a prize for the most inventive hat in each class!

Stay safe,

Miss Shaw



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We were so sad that you were not able to join us this year for our annual Christmas Decoration Day. School looks amazing and I hope these photos bring a smile.





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CHRISTMAS PHOTO FRAMES



The PTFA often support activities in school, and funds additional events that the school budget cannot stretch to - such as paying for the children to watch the Christmas pantomime. To ensure that we can continue to offer support, we need to fundraise. As you can imagine, this is very challenging at the moment as the events we can hold are quite limited, so we need your help more than ever. In the next week, children will each be decorating a small photo frame in their classes, which they are then able to bring home and gift as a Christmas present.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1.50, to cover the costs of the frame and assist the PTFA with fundraising to support school with future events. Frames will be sent home with children on Friday 4th December and all children will bring their frame home. However, if you feel able to log into SIMSPay and make a donation, we would be very grateful.

The PTFA are also always keen to have new members and volunteers. If you would be interested in getting involved, or would like to find out more, please email goldfinches@grove.cambs.sch.uk.





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Attendance



Please say hello to Ozzy The Grove Owl!

Class Name	% attendance from Monday 23 rd November to Friday 27 th November 2020
The Aviary	90.8%
Wren	96.8%
Gosling	92.1%
Ostrich	98.9%
Duckling	98.0%
Kiwi	92.2%
Flamingo	97.5%
Kingfisher	95.3%
Woodpecker	95.7%
Kestrel	99.3% ★
Eagle	96.9%
Whole School	96.0%

Well done Kestrel Class!





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Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:

Friday 4th December 2020

Kestrel: Adyan, Alicia

Eagle: Katelyn, Francesca

Kingfisher: Ellie, Joseph

Woodpecker: Ellie, Rano

Kiwi: Sahir, Cassius

Ostrich: Julia, Elena

Flamingo: Mohammed, Lakshan

Wren: Alice, Donny

Gosling: Michai, Meg

Duckling: Nadia, Renaye

The Aviary: Rico

HOUSE POINTS

The house captains have been busy adding up the total house points earned across the school this term. The totals earned so far are:

House	Total to date:
Churchill	619
Trinity	584
Darwin	547
Fitzwilliam	375

House points are currently awarded in Years 2-6, for doing good pieces of written work and following our school rules. Well done everyone for all your work so far – keep going, as the totals can still change a lot!