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ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	95.5%	N Tchaikovsky	94.7%	R LLOYD-Webber	90.8%	R Zimmer	92.1%
1 Beckham	92.9%	1 Bolt	92.9%	2 Potter	95.7%	2 Rosen	93.8%
3 Anning	94.5%	3 Attenborough	94.8%	4 Banksy	95.8%	4 O'Keeffe	96.2%

Jolly Jumper Day - Well done for everyone who took part in Jolly Jumper day; it certainly brought the festive feel to every corner of school. We have raised an amazing £166.60 for the Luton and Dunstable Helipad! Thank you!

Reception Christmas Performance – Reception children performed a wonderful Christmas-themed story on Thursday. It was incredible to see how much the children had learned and how confidently they performed on stage in front of a large audience. Huge thanks to all staff who worked hard with the children to make this valuable experience successful and enjoyable.

Y2 Making Global Connections Through Learning – Y2 have been very busy this week and in RE we have been looking at Christianity. Many of the Christian values revolve around kindness, charity and selflessness; much like our school values. As part of our RE work we have been making letters and Christmas pictures to send to a children's hospice in South Africa called Mohau. The children hope to make pen pals with them in the New Year. What a fantastic way to spread festive joy!

Y3 Fantastic Finish – The year 3 children have a fantastic finish to our European topic. The children have designed their own pizza and were very excited to make it today! 'Best day at school ever' was Attenborough's decision. The pizzas looked awesome, tasted amazing and judging by the few crumbs left, thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Y4 Library Visit – Year 4 got the opportunity to visit the new Dunstable library on Tuesday. They learnt all about the new and exciting resources that the library has to offer including coding! They also learnt how to use the library to find specific authors and books by completing a quiz which took them round the fiction and nonfiction areas. They then finished off their visit by getting a taste of what a real author is like by reading their own stories to each other which we had written in class.

The Santa Challenge - The Santa Challenge ended today. When Mr Williams has counted up all of the miles, he will share the numbers with children.

Reception Christmas Party – Wednesday 18th December –Children are allowed to wear Christmas/winter Jumper with their PE kits; please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. We kindly request no fancy dress. A letter with more information has been sent out to all Reception parents.

Nursery Christmas Performance - This will be on Thursday **19th December** at 14:30 for all nursery children. The morning nursery children and parents/carers will return to school at 14:15. There will be a normal morning session on this day.

Nursery Christmas Party - This will be on the morning of **Friday 20th December**. ALL nursery children will be invited to the morning session (9.45am - 11.45am). **There will be no afternoon session on this day.** Further information to follow.

After School Activities for Term 2 – A reminder that next term the following activities are available for children to sign up:

Y2 PE club – Tuesday 15:20 – 16:20 – between 07th January – 31st March 2020 – spaces available

Y3 PE club – Friday 15:20 – 16:20 – between 10th January – 03rd April 2020 – spaces available

Y4 PE club – Monday 15:20 – 16:20 – between 06th January – 30th March 2020– spaces available

Art Club – Monday 15:20 – 16:20 – between 06th January.2020 - 10th January 2020 – fully booked

Street dance – Monday Y1 & Y2 lunchtime 12:15 – 12:45 - between 06th January – 30th March 2020 – spaces available

Street dance – Thursday Y3 & Y4 lunchtime 12:15 – 12:45 - between 09th January – 02nd April 2020 – spaces available

Tennis – Wednesday 08:00 – 08:45 – between 08th January – 01st April 2020 – spaces available

Zumba – Thursday 15:20 – 16:20 - 16th January – 2nd April 2020 Please contact Gina for information – information sent home today

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Hotshots – Information will be sent home soon

Lego club - Information will be sent home soon

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

Teacher Award winners this week - Zimmer – Alfie; Lloyd-Webber – Hope; Bolt – Leokye; Beckham – Rose; Rosen – Isla; Potter – Reuben; Attenborough – Rayaansh ; Anning – Iris; Banksy – Sena; O’Keeffe - Thomas.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y2 Potter** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **16/12/2019**, they should come to school a little earlier, enter school through the front door and meet in the Library area at 8.40am. Remember there is a free car park on West Street where parents can park for drop off and pick up to also support this initiative and encourage a short walk to school.

FOILS

Bags 2 school - Look out for the letter and bag that will be coming home in your child’s book bag next week. Please fill the bag with any old clothes and return it to school after the Xmas holidays. The school receives money for every bag we receive. Many thanks for your continued support.

FOR PARENTS

Flu Vaccination – If you have missed the flu vaccination in school, and you would like your child to be immunised, please contact the Immunisation Team on 01234 310 408 to book an appointment in one of their clinics.

PE Friday 20 December - There will be no PE lessons on Friday 20 December for Y3 and Y4. Children will need to wear their school uniforms as normal.

RNIB Stamp Collection - Mrs B has signed up for school to collect **used** stamps for the RNIB this Christmas

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/donations-and-fundraising/fundraising-your-community/stamps-appeal>

If you wish to help with this appeal simply:

Start collecting stamps from envelopes and parcels as they come through your post box or at your work. Try to leave a centimetre of envelope or packaging around each stamp. Give the stamps to your child and they can post them in a collection box in school.

All donations gratefully received!!

YEAR 4 PARENTS/CARERS Transfer to Year 5 – Please be aware that your child does not automatically transfer to Priory Academy in September 2020 and this **CANNOT** be done by school. Please complete the application and submit to Central Beds by 15th January 2020. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

Playground Improvements – As our playground works continue, please remind your child that this area of the playground is currently out of bounds for their safety.

Extended Day Club Timings – On the last day of the autumn term, Friday 20 December, there will be no Night session for after school club. All children must be collected by 17:30 on that day.

2020 Leavers Hoodies – A message from two of our Year 4 parents: ‘As it is our children’s final year at Icknield we thought it would be a nice idea for them to purchase a keepsake in the form of a Leavers Hoodie. If you would like to view and also purchase a hoodie for your child, please follow the link below:

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/dunstable-icknield-lower-school-2020>

We have set up an account that will stay open until **6th January 2020**. If you have any questions with regards to the hoodies, please do not hesitate to contact Jo (James’s Mum) or Hayley (Owen’s Mum).’

Reporting an absence - If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on 01582 663709 before 08:45 to notify us.

End of Term Whole School Singing Concert – To celebrate the end of a very busy term we are delighted to invite all parents to Dunstable Conference Centre for a whole school singing concert on **Friday 20th December 2019**. A letter has been sent out with more information.

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Key Dates for Term 1	20 term dates are available on the Central Bedfordshire Council website and our own website. Dates are subject to change so please refer to CBC regularly.
Every Friday until Fri 13th Dec	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Wednesday 18th December	Reception Christmas Party – for children
Thurs 19th December	Nursery Christmas Performance for parents 14:30-15:00
Fri 20th December 2019	Nursery Christmas Party – for children 09:45 – 11:45
Fri 20th December 2019	Christmas Carol Concert at the DCC Centre - doors open to audience at 1.45pm AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ENDS AT 17:30
Mon 23rd December – Fri 03rd January	End of term holiday - School closed for children
Thursday 09th January	Reception Vision Screening
Friday 17th January	Phonics parents' morning Y1 & Y2
Tue 21st January 2020	Y3 Faith Tour – activity for children, more details to follow
Thursday 06th February	Y2 All Creatures Great and Small – performance to parents 14:00 – 14:30
Mon 17th – Fri 21st February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Wed 18th – Fri 20th March 2020	Y4 Residential Visit - PGL

E-mails sent home this week		
E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Action - Street Dance Club	Y1 - Y4	09.12.2019
DILS - Action - Whole School Christmas Carol Concert	R - Y4	09.12.2019
DILS - ACTION - Reception Christmas Party	Reception	10.12.2019
DILS – Information - Reception Coverage of works W/C 16.12.2019	Reception	11.12.2019
DILS - Action - Phonics parents morning	Y1 & Y2	11.12.2019
DILS – Action – Zumba	Y1 – Y4	13.12.2019