

Newsletter 13 18/12/2018

Dear Parents,

Christmas has finally arrived, and after weeks of preparation and celebrations we are all ready for a well-deserved rest, children and staff alike!



Over the past few weeks there have been so many events that have made us all so proud as a community. Last week, we held our annual carol service at Christ Church in Epsom and our Phase 3 children excelled themselves with some beautiful singing and wonderful narration to retell the Christmas story in song and verse. We are so grateful to Reverend Rosemary Donovan and her fantastic team at Christ Church for making us all so welcome and providing such a marvellous setting. Thank you, too, to the Phase 3 team for all the organisation and rehearsals that go into making the performance so polished.

Ralph the Reindeer also made an entrance last week, with the Phase 2 children putting on a very professional show for their families that included singing and dancing as well as a wonderful piano recital from Jerry in Year 3 to open the show. The confidence of the children was so impressive and the assembled elves and reindeer certainly looked amazing too, creating a very 'christmassy' feel. Thank you to the Phase 2 team for all their hard work in making the show such a success.

The kitchen staff really went the extra mile last Friday in preparing and cooking almost 400 Christmas lunches for the children and staff. They all worked so hard in the days leading up to the lunch as well as arriving at the crack of dawn on Friday to make sure there was a feast for everyone to



enjoy. Thank you to Chrissy, our cook, and her team for making the day so special for all the children and to the Friends, too, for paying for crackers for all the children. Friday was also Christmas Jumper day, in aid of Save the Children charity. There was a wonderful, colourful array of festive attire all around the school and we raised £325 for this wonderful cause.

The Friends also made sure that Christmas was memorable for all the children by arranging and paying for the Pantomime that all the children watched on Monday this week. There were roars of laughter and excitement echoing round the school throughout the morning and it was a real treat for everyone.

The afternoon was busy too, with Year 6 having their VE Day celebration party to mark the end of their WW2 topic, as well as the Head Teacher Tea Party for children who have made extra special efforts this term to achieve their very best and shown kindness and consideration to others. The Year 6 children even held their own 'Lindy-Hop-a-thon' to show case the dance moves they have been learning in PE. The Head Teachers Party included lots of cakes and biscuits as well as some traditional party games. It was lovely to see the children so relaxed and celebrating their achievements - they should be so proud of themselves, because we are all very proud of them.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff we would like to thank all the parents for the generous Christmas gifts they have sent in. It is certainly not expected but very much appreciated by everyone and we are so grateful for your kind messages and all the support.

I hope you all have a wonderful festive season and enjoy a relaxing break. The children do not return to school until Monday 7th January 2019, giving them plenty of time to relax and have fun. We have noticed punctuality has slipped over the past month or so if you find punctuality a struggle you could make being punctual a resolution for 2019. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at 8.45 am on the 7th January, refreshed and ready for another action packed term.

Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year, Kind regards

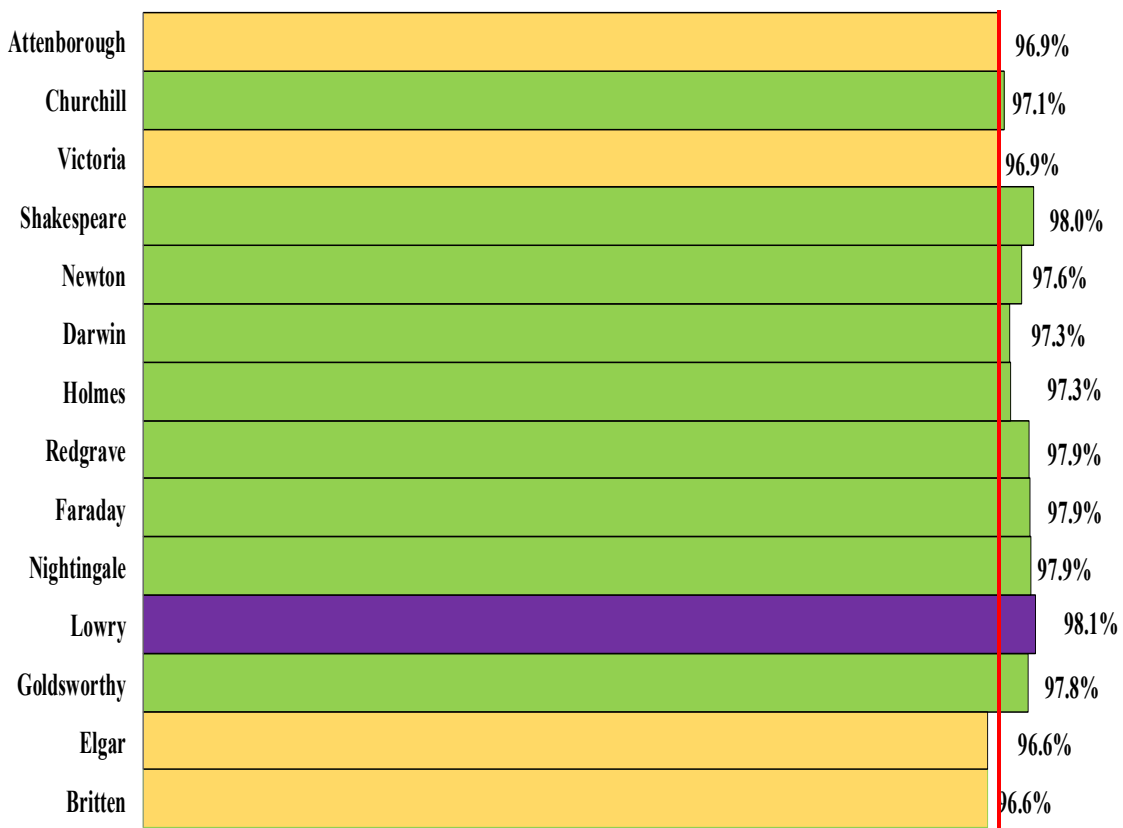
Kate Gee.

Attendance this week



Sparky says “well done!” to **Lowry Class**, who had the best attendance this term with **98.1%**, and to **Britten, Elgar, Goldsworthy, Lowry, Faraday, Nightingale, Redgrave, Holmes, Darwin, Newton, Shakespeare, Churchill Classes**, who also had high attendance!

Attendance Wednesday 5th September - Friday 14th December 2018

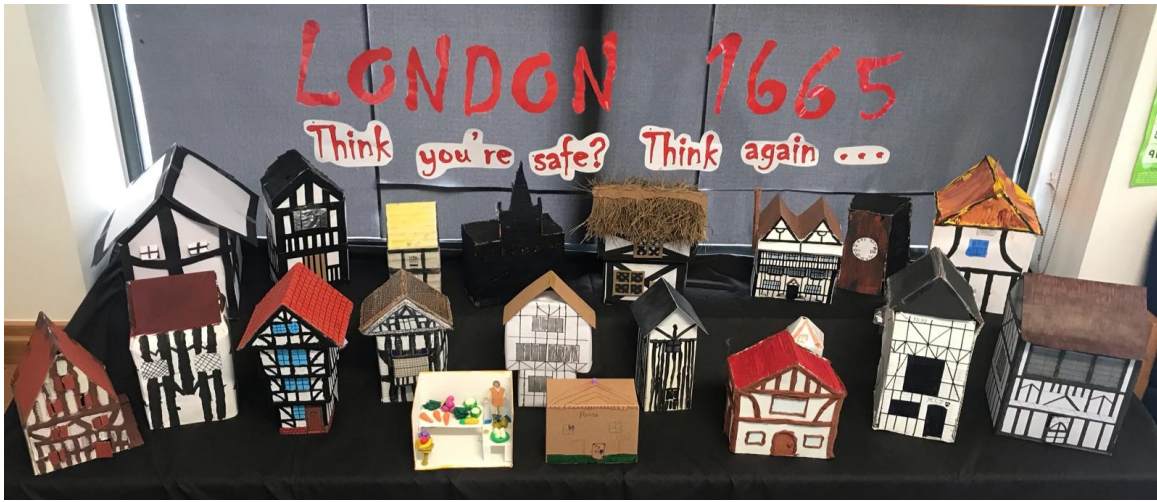


Tweet of the Week

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Caring at Christmas for everyone—Year 3 made decorations and cards for the residents of Amy Woodgate Residential Home—we hope they enjoy them!





To finish our History topic this term, Year 5 built a mini London from 1665. Everyone was living happily:

bakers, actors, royals, shopkeepers. But THEN the rats arrived.... THEN doctors appeared..... THEN red crosses started appearing on doors.... The Plague had taken over! Then our lovely homes were destroyed by the Fire of London... but thankfully this meant no more rats!

Mr Barratt even visited Shakespeare Class to talk to them about this era of History as well as lots of others! The class had thousands of questions for him and he did his very best to answer them all!

RATS!



I don't feel well...

Strictly NO admittance



Fire! Fire!



"Thank you, Mr Barratt!"

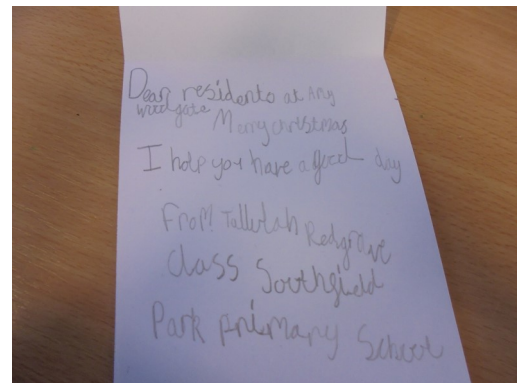
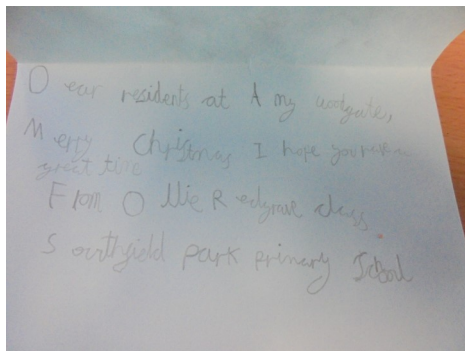
Wellbeing Update 2



A big thank you to everyone who came along to the parent workshop, 'supporting children who worry', earlier this term. We hope you found it useful and thank you for your comments and feedback, which we will use to plan future sessions.

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors continue to actively promote the principles and themes of wellbeing, throughout the school. Mindfulness Club now runs regularly on a Friday lunch time and is very popular, giving our children an opportunity to have a peaceful and calm space, after a busy week in school. Our Wellbeing Assemblies have also continued and this half term we have been focusing on noticing how our feelings and responses can give us greater control over our emotions.

Although this a particularly busy and exciting period, the children in Year 3 found the time to make wonderful Christmas cards for the residents of Amy Woodgate House, a centre for people with dementia. The children really loved making the cards but also explained that sending the cards to the residents helped them to feel happy and increased their own wellbeing.



Here are few more recommendations from our ELSA, Mrs Miniuks, which you might find useful in supporting wellbeing over the break.

<http://www.just-a-minute.org/jamworks/kids.jsp>

<https://www.headspace.com/meditation>

We have also added a few more tips, books and recommendations onto the school website in the ELSA section.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas Holiday

Best Wishes

Mrs Walker

Reminders for Spring 2019

Monday 7th	Children return, 8.45am
Tuesday 8th	Reception Parent Showaround, for September 2019 intake, 9.30am
Wednesday 9th	Y5 Victorian Day
Thursday 10th	
Friday 11th	

Bright Sparks

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★ Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Britten	Millie Edmonds and Hayden Van Rensberg	Elgar	William Kirk Isla McKillop
Goldsworthy	Ella Avis and Tyara Seetaloo	Lowry	Evie Cobb and Libby Pitchford-Smith
Faraday	Ethan Chappell, Ryan Fitzgerald and Thea Wells	Nightingale	Joseph Heritage and Clara Tapera
Redgrave	Jerry Liu and Danny Selvakumar	Holmes	Kacey Elvin and Nevik Hamilton
Darwin	Alex Foulger and Ciaran Price	Newton	Jacob Heritage and Euan Ssegawa
Victoria	Sam Brewer and Ella Peng	Shakespeare	Oscar Conner and Maia Thomas
Churchill	Lewis Dimayuga and Alisha Dowlut	Attenborough	Hattie Mannering and Amelie Paul



Fulham FC Skills Club

3G Astro, Court Recreation Ground, Epsom

Saturday mornings

9 to 10am - ages 3 to 6

10am to 12pm - ages 6 to 11

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