



Headteacher writes:

“In our world of plenty we can spread a smile of joy, throw your arms around the world at Christmas time.” – Band Aid, “Do They Know It’s Christmas?”

At Chester Park, we continue to have a focus on community. This week, I have seen lots of junior families who have been able to share the Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas story which focused on the themes; Hope, Joy, Peace and Love and the Year 5 & Year 6 production which was a telling of the Charles Dickens tale, 'A Christmas Carol.' Both productions were excellent and I know you will be all be very proud of the contribution your child made. I know that not everyone is able to attend these productions due to other commitments. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend.

As part of our commitment to our community, both in terms of the families of our school and the wider city, Chester Park will be working to become a School of Sanctuary. This fits in with our school improvement priority linked to developing the sense of Belonging within our school and wider community. The Schools of Sanctuary website shares that; **We all have a part to play in building a welcoming and inclusive society. Schools are the heart of our communities and are central to building a better, fairer and kinder society – for everyone.** At the end of the Infant performances at the church next week, there will be a collection - part of the money will go to St John's for their community work and part of the money will go toward the Bristol City of Sanctuary charity which focuses on being committed to creating a culture of welcome, understanding and belonging for those forced to flee. Next week, is the final week of school. There are a few exciting things happening. We have 3 nativity plays, Christmas parties and I am hoping for a visit from a special person, dressed in red with a big white beard!

Yours in partnership,
Mike McNama, Headteacher

Winter Illness

At present, there are a few nasty bugs going around. As we have large numbers of people on site at school, the risk of illness spreading within any school setting is significant. Please be aware that a great way to help stop the spread of illness is by washing hands regularly. Please encourage your children to maintain good hand hygiene and do the same yourselves. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please inform the school via the Arbor app or if necessary call the school.

NHS guidance relating to keeping a child home from school is found here; [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Typically, if a child has a high temperature (above 38C), has vomiting or diarrhoea or is in severe pain they are too unwell to come in.

Term 3 After School Clubs

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Tuesday 06/01, 13/01, 20/01, 27/01, 03/02	Wednesday 07/01, 14/01, 21/01, 28/01, 04/02	Thursday 08/01, 15/01, 22/01, 29/01, 05/02
Art Club – Mrs Whitelock Infant School – Years 1 & 2 3.15-4pm Max 20 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total	Athletics - Mr Lee Junior School - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 3.25-4.10pm Max 30 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total	Construction Club – Ms Rogers Infant School – Reception Year 3.15-4pm Max 20 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total
Film Club – Miss Mahmood Infant School – Years 1 & 2 3.15-4pm Max 20 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total		Cooking – Miss Sherman Junior School – Years 3 & 4 3.25-4.10pm Max 8 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total
Craft Club – Mrs Kersey-Gupta Infant School – Reception Year 3.15-4pm Max 20 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total		Kahoot Club – Miss Strevens Junior School – Years 3,4,5 & 6 3.25-4.10pm Max 20 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total
Choir Club – Mrs Evans Junior School – Years 3,4,5 & 6 3.25-4.10pm No Maximum Number This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total		

To book a space for a club in Term 3, you will need to book through the Arbor App. From 6pm on 12th of December the clubs will be available for your child. Please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor app in time to make a booking. If you have any issues with this please contact the school office. Thank you.

You are invited to watch the infant school performances

Tuesday 16th December

Year 2 Christmas Performance 2pm
at St John's Church

Wednesday 17th December

Year 1 Christmas Performance 2pm
at St John's Church

Thursday 18th December

Reception Year Christmas Performance 2pm
at St John's Church

Class Parties

The class Christmas parties will be held on **Friday 19th December**. There will be party games, Christmas songs, dancing and a special guest visiting. Children can wear party clothes to school on this day. A slip was sent home this week with food items to provide.



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CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Saturday 15th November

10.00am-2.00pm Christmas Fair

Sunday 7th December

10.30am Family Advent Service

Sunday 14th December

4.00pm Eucharist and Christingle

Thursday, 18th December

7.00pm Carols in the Pub
(The Spotted Cow)

Sunday 21st December

10.30am Morning Eucharist
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve







5.30pm Crib Service
11.15pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.30am Benefice Service at
St John's Church

Sunday 28th December

10.30am Benefice Service at
St Aidan's Church, Fir Tree Lane,
St George

	Dojo Hero 	Pot of Gold 		Dojo Hero 	Gold Card 
Class	Infant School		Class	Junior School	
Badger	Demi		Pine	Jasmine	Arthur, Flo
Rabbit	Aniyah		Willow	Isla	Zayneb, Fred, Mila
Squirrel	Noah		Cedar	Angelo, Elijah	Adante, Amyra
Bumblebee	Reuben		Hazel	Riley	Hester, Subhan, Jevon
Hedgehog	Danico		Chestnut	Rhakye	Austin, Yaqub
Otter	Finlay	Romy	Hawthorn	Dido	Amelia, Alana
Owl	Simi	Abdullah	Sycamore	Anna	Ted, Ayat, Bess
Fox	Marley	Kaiyan	Maple	Evie	Hashim, June
Ducklings			Ash	Sam	Aleena, Ethan
			Whitebeam	Mohamed-qani	Lina, Ezra
			Hornbeam	Manaal	Indi, Jackson
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			Oak	Hassan	Zaiyan, Shayla

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	79.6%	Pine	91.5%
Rabbit	86.0%	Willow	93.1%
Squirrel	89.6%	Cedar	95.0%
Bumblebee	89.3%	Hazel	91.1%
Hedgehog	81.1%	Chestnut	95.9%
Otter	93.0%	Hawthorn	90.8%
Owl	84.5%	Sycamore	96.0%
Fox	90.9%	Maple	83.5%
		Ash	87.5%
		Whitebeam	88.1%
		Hornbeam	88.5%

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th December—Year 2 Christmas Performance—2pm

Wednesday 17th December—Year 1 Christmas Performance—2pm

Thursday 18th December—Reception Year Christmas Performance—2pm

Friday 19th December—Christmas Party Day

Friday 19th December—End of Term 2

Monday 5th January—Start of Term 3

Tuesday 10th February—Share our Learning Evening 3.30-6pm

Thursday 12th February— Share our Learning Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 13th February—End of Term 3

Monday 23rd February—Start of Term 4

Wednesday 4th March—Friends of Chester Park Holi Colour Run—More information to follow

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day— Children can dress as a book character for the day!

Friday 13th March—Red Nose Day

Thursday 19th March— Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils

Friday 20th March—Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils

Monday 23rd March—Eid Party & Coffee Morning—More information to follow

Week Beginning 30th March—Easter Cake Sale—More information to follow

Thursday 2nd April—End of Term 4

Monday 20th April—Start of Term 5

Tuesday 19th May—Infant School Sports Day

Wednesday 20th May—Junior School Sports Day

Friday 22nd May—End of Term 5

Monday 1st June—Start of Term 6

1st—5th June—Chester Park Belonging Week—More information to follow

Friday 5th June—Belonging Picnic and Summer Fair from 2pm

Tuesday 21st July—End of Term 6

City Church Carols 11am 14th December at Chester Park Juniors

Everyone is welcome to join us at our carol service. The service will include carols, readings, activities for kids, and a short talk. Festive refreshments will be served after the service.



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