

Newsletter

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POD 6 Carol Service at St Johns:

Last Friday, Pod 6 attended Keynsham Schools' Carol Service at St John's church. The service included readings, congregational carols and a song from each school. Pod 6 sang their song beautifully and with confidence. Johnny P and Lily T did very well reading passages aloud during the service; we were very proud of them!

PTA Christmas Market

This Friday was the very successful Christmas Market run by Mrs Brimacombe and all her very merry helpers! The children thoroughly enjoyed picking gifts for their Mums, Dads, siblings, pets, Grand Parents and friends. The children really loved it all and return home today with presents wrapped up ready for the big day! Thank you so much to Mrs Brimacombe and all the parent helpers who have spent a great deal of time preparing for this mammoth annual event at school and staying into the early evening last night to set the hall up for today!

Christmas Production

Our school's annual Christmas Production took place on **Tuesday 11th December at 6.30pm** in St John the Baptist Church, Keynsham. We are enormously proud of the children in Y4 who acted so well and who had learnt their lines so well. They were supported by children in Y3 who performed choreographed dances in between the scenes and the children across the school who sang so beautifully. Despite some technical difficulties on the night with the microphones, the event was a resounding success. Well done to you all! Thank you must be said too, for the incredible effort and commitment from the entire staff team in helping our children 'shine' on this night!

The retiring collection at the end of the production raised **£126.74** for the charity 'Young Minds'. Thank you for supporting this charity.



Chandag Junior School's Christmas Lunch:

On Tuesday & Wednesday last week the children filled the school hall with excitement and happy chatter while they enjoyed another superbly prepared Christmas Dinner by **Christine and the kitchen staff**. We used the AV system again to project an enormous, crackling festive fire onto the main wall, the Christmas lights twinkled on the tree and on the table settings lit up with tea lights (battery ones) to add to the atmosphere. Festive music played in the background (yes, it was quite difficult to hear it) and crackers popped as the children did their best to contain their delight! The children were superb, ate everything served to them and even the adult helpers were able to eat at the tables and enjoy the conversation. **Thank you to every adult staff member and our parent volunteers** – we had 20 adults per day – for making this a huge success for the children.



Lifeskills Reminder:

On Tuesday 18th December we will be taking the Year 6's on a trip to the regional "Lifeskills - Learning for Living" safety education centre in Bristol. The pupils will have the opportunity to experience a number of real life situations and learn about how to make their lives safer.

Each year Lifeskills educates over 10,000 children from across the old Avon area and is supported by each of the local authorities, emergency services and primary care trusts.

If you have not already done so on ParentMail PMX please could you pay the voluntary contribution of £13.00 as soon as possible, this is to cover the cost of transport and entry fee. We believe this to be a very worthwhile experience for the children and well worth the £13.00.

POD B will be leaving school at 9.00am and return 1.30pm, POD A will be leaving school at 12 o'clock and returning **slightly later than our end of school time at approximately 3.45pm** depending on Bristol Centre traffic.

All pupils should wear school uniform and **girls should wear trousers**. If you would like to accompany the visit please indicate below.

NB All children to bring sandwiches this day because of timings of trips to and fro.

Coats for break and lunch times:

We would like to remind parents/carers to ensure that **all children have a coat and/or waterproof jacket** to wear during break/lunch times. It is always beneficial to the children to get some fresh air and change of environment during the day so even in light rain we will be sending the children out to play; therefore a **shower/waterproof coat is essential**. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Dinner Money for Term 3:

Dinner Money is **£2.40** per meal.

Mondays x 4 = £ 12.00
Tuesdays x 4 = £ 9.60
Wednesdays x 4 = £ 9.60
Thursdays x 4 = £ 9.60
Fridays x 3 = £ 7.20

Term Price

30 days = £ 72.00

Months

Jan = £ 45.60
Feb = £ 26.40

Reminder - School Dinner Payments:

Please can we remind all Parents to use **ParentMail PMX** to **pay for all school dinners** as we **do not accept any cash or cheques** for school dinners? We have invested time and money in this system which allows you to make one payment for all your children and for a number of items, dinner money, trips etc. You get an e-mail receipt for each payment and you see at a glance how much dinner money credit you have left (or arrears).

Summary of key dates and events 2018/19 Academic Year	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Tuesday 18 th December	POD 6 Lifeskills Trip
Friday 21 st December	INSET Day (3/6) - School closed to children
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Monday 7 th January 2019	Start of Spring term 3

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