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School Newsletter

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

A **huge thank you** to everyone that sent in Christmas Decorations and Tombola Prizes for the Christmas Fayre. Please remember that we will still be taking in donations up to Monday morning. Details about the Christmas Fayre, including information about collecting your child, are on the next page.

Next Week's Diary Dates		Next Week's Dinner Menu
Mon	14:45-17:00 Christmas Fayre 12:15-15.25 Guitar lessons 13:30-16:30 Y3/4 Sports Development	Monday Jacket Potato or Rice, Cheese/ Baked Beans, Chicken Curry
Tues	07:45-08:45 KS1 Football 13:00-15:20 Percussion lessons 13:15-14:15 Woodwind lessons 13:30-15:00 U-Strings lessons 15:30-16:30 KS2 Football	Tuesday Sausages (Pork/Halal/Vegetarian), Potato Balls, Sweetcorn
Wed	Lunchtime Christmas Dinner 07:45-08:45 KS1 Multiskills 08:45-10:45 Brass lessons 09:00-12:10 Keyboard/Piano lessons	Wednesday Christmas Dinner (Vegetarian and Halal options available)
Thurs	Lunchtime Christmas Packed Lunches During day Nursery Party 15:30-16:30 KS2 Girls Football	Thursday Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Potato Footballs, Peas
Fri	During day Games Day	Friday Double Cod Fish Finger or Fish Star, Veggie Nuggets or Cheese & Onion Quiche, Chips, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn
Clubs		
<p>A Registration Form was sent home by Parentmail this week for Spring term clubs. If you would like a copy please ask at Reception.</p>		<p style="color: red;"><u>Please use the following account when paying online for school meals:</u></p> <p>Sort Code: 54-10-53 Account Number: 10520066 Please use your child's name for the reference</p>

Northampton Association for the Blind Visit to Year 5 and 6



In the last couple of weeks, Year 5 and 6 had the pleasure of meeting Hugh and Rebecca from NAB Northants who support people with visual impairments. Hugh, who has been blind since the age of 16, spoke to us about the different white canes, the children wore different goggles to simulate different impairments. We tried paying cash blindfolded from a purse and learnt about different technology that can help the blind.

Hugh and Rebecca were amazing, answering all our questions and leaving us amazed and inspired in equal measure.



Christmas Fayre



We look forward to seeing you at the **Christmas Fayre** which starts at **2:45pm on Monday**.

Please collect your child from their classroom and make sure you sign them out if it's before 3:30pm. If your child has a ticket to see Santa before the end of the school day, they will need to be picked up by parents/carers - staff will be unable to take them. The stalls and activities will be in both halls and the outside area between the buildings (depending on the weather). Our 'special visitor' will be in his grotto in Mrs Colwell's class in Year One. If your child has booked to see Santa, please wait in the Year 1 front garden area outside Mrs Colwell's door before their time slot and wait to be called. If the weather is wet, we will wait under the covered area at the back of Year 1. Remember to bring your ticket! There will be lots of stalls and refreshments and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Last week's Attendance Heroes

Well done Miss Blassberg's class.

Current overall school attendance is **95.75%**
OFSTED minimum expectation is **96%**

98.3%
6BL

Safeguarding

Please remember to let the school office know if your child is going to be absent. This may be done by telephoning the school office or by Parentmail. When leaving a message please give specific symptoms of your child's illness for recording purposes.

Accelerated Reader



In Key Stage 2 we use Accelerated Reader to support, motivate and reward our readers. Many parents have asked about the possibility of monitoring their children's quiz habits at home.

Accelerated Reader Home Connect allows you to do this.

Use the url <https://ukhosted8.renlearn.co.uk/1895401/homeconnect> and type in your child's user name and password exactly as they would in school.

This gives a parent view of books read, the levels of book they are reading, how well they have done in their quizzes and how close they are to meeting their target.

There are lots of other ways we use Accelerated reader to challenge our readers. We will send more information in the new year.

Year 3 Christmas Choir

On Tuesday, the Year 3 Christmas Choir visited the Community Centre to sing for our elderly, local community. The children sang beautifully and they enjoyed talking to the audience afterwards. They made a fantastic impression and really made Boothville proud! Well done all!



Sports Report



Y5 Saints Rugby Day

On Friday, Year 5 continued their work with the Northampton Saints with a Day of Rugby.

After arriving, we played some games on the back pitches with the coaches and then took our place in the stands to watch the players running through some drills ready for the game against Leinster the following day. After lunch, we did some passing and kicking games in the marquee and had a tour of the stadium, including meeting the kit man in the home dressing room. He told us about the players and the reason for an enormous Saints badge on the floor in the changing room.

We also decided the away changing room wasn't quite as nice! We had a wonderful day and made fantastic memories



Football League Kids Cup – Northampton F.C.

Last Friday saw us compete in the Football League Kids Cup organised by Northampton FC. After a long drawn out morning, we had played two games winning both by double figures! This put us into the quarter finals in the afternoon. A very competitive game ended 3-3 and we went to penalties. Confusion then happened, and although we won the first round of penalties and sudden death penalties, they had to be retaken again. Unfortunately this time we missed a penalty in the sudden death section. The boys were obviously very deflated being knocked out in this fashion. Well done to all the players involved. David, Leighton from Year 6, Alfie, Oliver, George, Ty, Seth and Charlie.

Winter Olympics

A group of children went to Towcester Leisure Centre on Friday 6th December. They had to participate in 'Winter Olympic style' activities such as speed skating, Toboggan, Ice Hockey and Curling. They came third and did incredibly well. Well done to the following Year 3 children: Kieran, Cian, Tianna, Harry, Christian, Isla and Karan.



Another success for our Year 5/6 Football Team on Wednesday. We played Millway and Castle in the Town Football Finals winning 4-1, drawing 1-1 and won the competition. This now means the team will represent Northampton in the County Finals (Level 3) on Tuesday 21st January. Spectators are welcome. The boys were excellent, playing some good football against Millway and David made some excellent saves in goal making the score line flattering! Against Castle, it was a very tight, tense game with not many chances for either team. Well done to David, Dawid, Harvey, Alfie, George, Ty, Seth, Leighton and Oliver.



Year 5/6 Girls Football

On Thursday 5th December, our Year 5/6 Girls Football Team went out to play in the NSSP Tournament against some other local schools at Northampton Academy. Despite the freezing cold, the girls did incredibly well, narrowly missing out on making it through.

A huge well done to Linda, Megan, Vilte, Oliwia, Coral, Ariana and Isla.



Dodgeball

On Friday 6th December, six of our Year 6 girls went out to play Dodgeball against many other schools at Caroline Chisholm. This was a festival and was a fantastic way of getting more girls participating in sport. It was an enjoyable afternoon with the girls learning a lot in a friendly atmosphere. Well done to: Megan, Layla, Linda, Scarlett, Gavrielle and Simona.



KS2 New Age Kurling

On Wednesday 4th December, we entered the KS2 New Age Kurling competition. We gave an opportunity to children from Years 3 & 4 to participate. The way they competed was excellent and against lots of older children from Years 5 & 6. Wow! They won all their games except

one. This means they now qualify for the Town Finals in January. The children had to roll the Kurling stones at a target, there were lots of match play tactics being used and we learnt quickly how to lay up and knock other stones from the target area. Well done to lestin and Harvey from Year 4, Ollie and Kacey from Year 3.



Basketball

Well done to our Year 5/6 children who participated in the Take Eight Basketball competition on Monday evening at Moulton College. They played extremely well as a team, improved their basketball skills and soon learned the need to stay with their markers! We came fourth overall with special mention to the boys who managed to win all of their games.

And finally. . . current House Points totals are:

Phoenix

32,377

Dragon

32,223

Pegasus

30,855

Griffin

27,096

NOTICE BOARD



Boothville Xmas Fayre

Monday 16th December 2019

GAMES SANTA MUSIC

FOOD & DRINK

XMAS SHOPPING

JEWELLERY BAGS GIFTS CARDS WOOD CRAFT RAFFLES
XMAS DECORATIONS SCENTSY SANTA'S GROTTO BODYSHOP DISNEY &
HARRY POTTER THEMED GIFTS LEGO GIFTS BUNTING FACE PAINTING
CANDY FLOSS HENNA BOOTH PHOTO FRAME TEMPORARY TATTOOS
REINDEER FOOD HUMAN FRUIT MACHINE CLAY POTS LIP BALMS
SCRATCH CARDS RAFFLE TOMBOLA BOOKS TEDDIES OILS
PICTURE FRAMES KEYRINGS LUCKY DIP CLOTHES HANDPAINTED
GIFTS DECORATIVE BOXES COASTERS BAUBLES GLASS CRAFT
CANDLES SWEET CONES CHOCOLATE MARSHMALLOWS COFFEE
TEA HOT CHOCOLATE CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN MULLED WINE
BURGERS HOT DOGS CAKES

& SO MUCH MORE!!!

SAFETY MATTERS:

Christmas edition



Christmas is coming and many families across Northamptonshire already have preparations under way. The lead up to the big day can be a busy time, packed with distractions, so it is often too easy to forget safety. We are publishing this seasonal safety newsletter to ask people to spare a thought for fire safety this Christmas.

Fairy lights not fairy frights

By now, many of us have transformed our homes into tinsel wonderlands packed with sparkling lights and garlands of festive foliage. But are your decorations safe?

If you are using fairy lights, make sure they are not old and worn. They need to be in good repair.

They should also conform to the British Standard BS EN 60598.

Going out or off up to bed? Make sure your fairy lights are switched off and unplugged.

Remember that Christmas decorations can set alight easily, so please don't attach them to lights or heaters.



TECHNOLOGY EXPLOSION

Lots of shiny new gadgets this Christmas?
Don't overload your electrical sockets.



SOMETHING STUCK UP THE CHIMNEY?

Blocked chimneys can cause house fires. Make sure yours is swept.



MATCH ATTACK!

Dropped your matches somewhere while lighting the Christmas candles? Always keep them out of the reach of children.



BURNT BRUSSELS

Brussels take about 5 mins to boil. Don't forget about them during the Queen's speech.

