

Message from the head

Can't quite believe it is the last week of term next week. The time just seems to go so quickly! With the temperatures this week, it's definitely feeling like Christmas at last and the shows last week and this week just make it seem even more so.

Junior Show: This week saw the Junior Children take centre stage (literally) for their Christmas Show. They were absolutely fantastic. From Year 3 to Year 6, it was clear how much effort the children had put in to learning lines, dance moves, songs and enjoyed performing. It really does show in the children's confidence the effect of the class assemblies that each class does, every term. Many of you may not have any other school to compare to, but I can assure you the focus on performance and growing confidence to perform in public is not the norm. We believe at Fleet that this side of our curriculum is incredibly important, and the discussions going on in the press currently and from Ofsted, would seem to agree with us, with a greater emphasis being placed on the wider creative curriculum. Of course it's important that this feeds into our reading, writing and maths. I am sure anyone who saw the way the children in Year 6 could recite their lines and knew and understood their characters in the performance would agree this type of work will have a positive impact on reading and writing skills.

Christmas Parties: Next week is our last week, and as usual, a busy one! Please see the information below about the class parties on Wednesday (Infants) and Thursday (Juniors) and the help we hope you can provide to make these happen successfully. Have a great weekend and see you next week.

FREE ZUMBA CLASS FOR THE OVER 50's

Get fit and have fun, come and join us on Thursday mornings, 10.30-11.15am. All Welcome

At QCCA, 45 Ashdown Crescent, NW5 4QE

Please contact: Mary Pierce, Older People's Services Coordinator on 020 7267 6635 for more info.

Last Day of Term Reminder—Close at 2pm!

Don't forget next Friday we close at 2pm.

Charity Class Tea for Crisis

Huge thank you to all of you who gave so generously at the cake sale and into the collecting buckets at the Junior Christmas shows. We managed to raise a total of £505.80 for Crisis. That is enough to fund places for 18 people and beats the goal we set of 10 places. This will really make a difference to people. Thank you.

Christmas Parties Next Week

Those of you who have been at Fleet a while probably know how the Christmas parties work and how dependent on you we are for these to happen, but we know for a lot of you this may be your first one. It's always good to refresh memories anyway for those who are veterans! See below for details.

INFANT Parties—Wednesday 19th December

Each class will have a sign up sheet for different types of food and drink to bring in. Parents help to set up the hall from 1.30pm, while the children play party games in their classes. We aim to get the children into the hall at around 2.00pm for the party. We are also looking for a volunteer for a very special Christmas role (outfit provided—just need you!) to visit the infants that afternoon—if any of you are willing please let your child's teacher know.

JUNIOR Parties—Thursday 20th December

Juniors have a talent show in the hall from 1.30pm, while parents set up parties in their classrooms. Children should be back to classes for their class party by around 2.30-45pm.

Any help with setting up and food donations are greatly appreciated!

Punctuality Award

This week, our Punctuality award goes to Reception with just 1 late! Well done to them.



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Reception with 100%. Well done to them—that's amazing!



Online Safety Reminder

We have heard of a few things lately, at Fleet and at other schools, of examples of children being online using apps and sites designed for older children and maybe falling foul of some of the more secure ways to behave online. Instances I have come across of late span the whole Junior age range from Year 3 to Year 6. Some of these relate to fake Instagram accounts being created, privacy settings on social media being open, and Youtube channels being open and clearly identifying individuals and in some cases where they live. We revisit regularly with the children through assemblies and class sessions, safe and appropriate use of apps and the internet, but we can't check out of school. Can I urge you all, especially if you allow your children to access social media and the internet, that you regularly check what they are doing online—especially with the Christmas break coming up and many children may be choosing this way to keep in contact with friends. Its worth noting that there are no social media products nor sites such as Youtube that recommend children of primary school age be registered and posting on. There are some great links on our website to support parents in this area, as it is constantly evolving and can be tough to keep up. Just go to the search window in the top right of our website home page and type 'esafety'. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

TERM DATES 2018/19

Spring Term	Fri 5th April	Half Term:
First Day of Term:	Summer Term	Mon 27th-Fri 31st May
Tues 8th Jan	First Day of Term:	Last Day of Term:
Half Term:	Wed 24th April	Tue 23rd July
Mon 18th—Fri 22nd Feb	Bank Holiday:	
Last Day of Term:	Mon 6th May	

Dates for your calendar

18th December	Year 3 to Talacre
18th December	Christmas Lunch
19th December	Infant Christmas Parties
20th December	Junior Christmas Parties
8th January	Term Starts—Children back

Star of the Week Awards—this weeks winners...



Well done to our 'Stars of the Week' for their hard work and effort in class.
 Rec—Mickey, Y1—Mael, Y2—Suraiya, Y3—Amin, Y4—Arifa, Y5—Odesa, Y6—Year 6

In the 'Stars of the Week' cooking session this week, the children used potatoes and beetroot from our garden. The potatoes were riced to make potato muffins while the beetroots, which children roasted last week in preparation, were used in the vegan chocolate cake which was made this week—mmm...delicious!

Stars of the Week Cooking Session



Creative Reception!



Inspired by their performance of the Gruffalo last week Buddy and Jake have been making their own Gruffalos. Well done boys!

Year 5 have created these awesome dioramas as part of the 'Power Of Pictures' project with CLPE and children's book artist/illustrator Viviane Schwarz! We can't wait to read the writing they will inspire!



The 'Power of Pictures' in Year 5



JUNIORS ROLES SHOW

What an amazing performance from the Juniors this week in their production of 'Narnia'. The delivery of lines, the dancing, the singing, the costumes—the amount of work the children (and staff and parents!) put in to pull it off was incredible. Thank you so much for coming along and supporting the children. It means a lot to them and us when you can enjoy their hard work with us. A very talented bunch!