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CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

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Central

Dear Parents



Stars of the Week : Being Kind
Emeralds & Amethysts: Dwayne & Khayri
Rubies and Sapphires: Regi & Nay
Diamonds: Arian

**Value of the
Month**

Tolerance



Sports Stars of the Week
Emeralds & Amethysts: Kobi & Taylor
Rubies and Sapphires: Holly & Chloe H
Diamonds: Rosie

Teacher Training Day – TOMORROW!

Just in case you weren't aware, we have a Teacher Training Day tomorrow so the school will be CLOSED.

Children's Learning

The children have had another wonderful week in school. In Diamonds Class this week the children have enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Leaf Thief' by Alice Hemming. This story was great for helping to explain to the children all about the different seasons in the year and what happens in each season. As part of their learning the children completed some speech bubble writing and created story maps. In their PSHE lesson this week the children were thinking about friendship and discussed how to be a kind and caring friend. In Key Stage One the children have worked hard this week on their new Mathematics topic on money. They have been learning to recognise coins and notes and have been using small amounts of coins to find the totals. In their Art lesson this week the children have learnt all about the artist Mark Rothko. They learnt to mix their own secondary colours on paper plates and chose their favourite colours to create blocks of colour in the style of Mark Rothko. They also learnt how to swish, wipe and blot their paintbrush. In Key Stage Two this week the children have completed their work on The BFG in English. They wrote their own endings for the story ensuring that they described the setting, characters and plot. In their Geography lesson this week the children have started to learn all about the key aspects of what is under the Earth's surface. They learnt important vocabulary to describe the different layers of the Earth and made models and drawings to show the cross section.

Parking Outside School

Just a quick reminder about parking around our school. Can we please ask that you remain courteous to our local residents when dropping off and collecting your child/children from school. Please try not to block paths or driveways. The Star Pub has kindly agreed that

parents/carers can use their car park which helps to avoid parking on residential streets or grass verges. Thank you.

Wellbeing Support and Childline

We have recently become aware of a wealth of information available online regarding emotional health and wellbeing, life challenges, relationships, staying safe and health for people living in Central Bedfordshire. The website contains links to lots of different services and support in the local area. To find out more information please go to: https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/253/parents_and_carers_mental_health_support

The new Childline website has also been launched this month. <https://www.childline.org.uk/> Childline are there to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they are going through. Young people can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, trained counsellors are there to support. Childline is free, confidential and available any time, day or night.

Children In Need

We are pleased to say that, thanks to your lovely donations, we have currently made £190 in donations for this great cause. Thank you!

Christmas Raffle Donations

Please can all raffle prized be handed into school by next Friday so we can start to make up hampers – thank you!

We are very excited to inform you that in addition to the wonderful hampers, you will also have the opportunity to win a voucher for:

- Woodside Animal Farm
- Snakes & Ladders
- Go Bowling
- Capello Hair & Design
- Pretty Polish
- Delicious Desserts
- Active Luton 1 month Gym/swim membership
- The Star
- Panache Hair & Beauty

Raffle Tickets

Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 27th November** and can be obtained from the school office or by sending money into school in a named envelope. There will also be an opportunity to buy tickets at the Christmas Plays. Tickets are priced at just 50p each or £2 for a strip. We use this money to pay for the little extras that we get for the children over the year.

We will draw the winners at 3pm on **Tuesday 19th December**, this will be outside the classrooms just before pick up time.

Guess the Name of the Elf!

As well as the normal raffle we also have a giant elf up from grabs! The children can donate £2 to pick a name from the list. The lucky winner will also be announced at 3pm on Tuesday 19th December.

Christmas Pantomime

Details have been sent out via ParentMail regarding this year's trip to the Pantomime at the Grove Theatre, Dunstable. Please can you log into ParentMail where you can book your child's place and make payment. Alternatively, you can pay by card at the School Office or over the phone. Please also complete the consent form and order a school packed lunch (if required) here: <https://forms.gle/thJR7eJiyFmPcEfK8>.

Christmas Plays

Years 1-4: Wednesday 13th December & Thursday 14th December @ **Chalton Village Hall**
Doors will open at 1.50pm for the performance to begin at 2pm

Diamonds: Monday 11th December in the **School Hall**. Doors will open at 2.20pm for the performance to begin at 2.30pm

You can now book tickets to attend your child's Christmas Play on ParentMail. Due to the amount of space we have in the hall, we are limiting tickets to 2 per child.

Can we please ask that you are courteous to other families and **DO NOT** book for more than one performance (Year 1-4 only). Please also **DO NOT** book more than two tickets if you have more than 1 child in Year 1-4.

We will be holding a waiting list for parents who wish to book an extra ticket. We will then review numbers for each performance nearer the time and contact you should there be availability. To place your name on the waiting list please email chalton@chaltonlower.co.uk with the date you require.

Diary Dates

Friday 24th November – Training Day – **School Closed**

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers!

Monday 11th December – Diamond Class Christmas Play – PM

Tuesday 12th December – Whole School Panto trip

Wednesday 13th December – Year 1-4 Christmas Play – PM - tickets available shortly

Thursday 14th December – Year 1-4 Christmas Play – PM - tickets available shortly

Friday 15th December – Christmas Disco 4-5.30pm – Village Hall.

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of term – Christmas Party

Yours sincerely



Miss Natalie Bill
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