



Headteacher: Miss N Bill

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CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents



Stars of the Week :

Emeralds & Amethysts: Ahmet & Taylor

Rubies and Sapphires: Alena & Ethan H

Diamonds: Ethan W

Value of the Month

Thoughtfulness



Sports Stars of the Week

Emeralds & Amethysts: Junia, Isla, Ava & Harry

Rubies and Sapphires: Zara P

Diamonds: Zaara S

Children's Learning

I have been delighted to see all of the children's amazing learning this week. In Diamonds Class I was very impressed with the children's perseverance and determination in their PE lesson on Monday. The children learnt how to hold and use a hockey stick and were encouraged to show good control when dribbling the ball. Despite the bad weather they kept trying and by the end of the session they had developed some really good skills. In their RE lesson this week they continued to learn all about why Christmas is important to Christians. They were able to cut and stick parts of the nativity story into the correct order. In Key Stage One this week the children have used their Maths lessons to continue to learn all about money. They have been making different amounts using a variety of coins and they have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s using coins. In their English lessons this week the children listened to the 'Owl Babies' story by Martin Waddell. They enjoyed acting out the story using speech and worked hard to write a version of the story in their own words. In Key Stage Two this week the children have started a new topic in their English lessons based on the text 'The Polar Express' by Chris Van Allsburg. They were joined by some of the Year 2 children and have been writing descriptions of the train and thinking carefully about adjectives, adverbs, similes and inference. In their RE lesson this week the children have been continuing to learn all about how and why people mark the significant events in their life. We have been learning about religious and non-religious events such as Jewish Bar Mitzvah, Christian Baptism, birth and marriage in different faiths and the Hindu Upanayana ceremony.

Winter Weather

As the bad weather begins to set in, I would just like to remind everyone to take extra care when walking on any icy ground and/or pavements, and whilst driving on the icy roads.

Also, please ensure that your child is wearing suitable shoes to school, as this will help them avoid falling over in the event of bad weather. It is fine for children to come to school in outdoor boots and then change into their school shoes once inside.

School Closure:

Should the school not be open due to bad weather the following will happen:

- A Parentmail message will be sent before 8:00am on that day.
- The home page of the website will be updated with information.
- We will post an update on our schools Facebook account.

It is also possible for you to receive an update directly from Central Bedfordshire Council. In order to receive this update, you will need to register on Central Bedfordshire Council's SOS system:

- Enter: <https://apps.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS/> on your computer
- Click on 'register for updates' and fill in the text boxes
- Click on 'submit'

You will then receive an email that contains instructions on how to 'activate' your account, which will include a 'one off' activation, code:

- Click on the link
- Go to 'Log in to edit your details' and type in your email address and the activation code.

The next time you want to edit your details, type in your email address and password.

Please make sure that the school office has your up to date contact details. Your support in this matter is always very much appreciated.

If the School is Open:

- Arrive in suitable footwear - don't forget your hat, scarf and gloves.
- Bring a change of shoes.
- Bring a change of clothes - jogging bottoms are a good idea.

It is the parents' decision as to whether or not it is safe to travel, please do not take any risks if you live some distance away.

Children may be allowed to play out in the snow, but the school makes a daily risk assessment to assess the suitability of children playing outside. We do not allow children to throw snowballs.

Please ensure that children have a change of clothing with them to change out of wet clothing. If there is heavy snow during the day, please collect your child early if you wish to do so.

It is the school's responsibility to clear and grit one main pathway around the school in times of ice and snow. Please keep to the cleared pathway. The school cannot be held responsible if parents choose to walk on un-cleared pathways.

Raffle Tickets

Tickets are now on sale 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 Dinner

Christmas dinner is now available to book online for **Thursday 7th December!**

You can book in the same way you book your child's normal lunch. For all Reception and Year 1&2 children this is covered under the provided Universal Infant Free School Meal. For children in Year 3&4 meals are charged at £2.30. Please book your child's Christmas meal by **Monday 4th December** in order for us to plan numbers.

Your child can still bring a packed lunch for that day, if they would prefer.

If your child would like to wear a **Christmas Jumper** (with their normal school uniform) on this day, they are welcome to do so!

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

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
Headteacher