



Headteacher: Miss N Bill

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CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

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Central

Dear Parents



Stars of the Week : Excellent Writing

Emeralds & Amethysts: Junia & Stanley

Rubies and Sapphires: Jason & Maaiza

Diamonds: Malachi

Value of the Month

Thoughtfulness



Sports Stars of the Week

Emeralds & Amethysts: Dwayne & Ivy

Rubies and Sapphires: Josh & Nay

Diamonds: Philip

Children's Learning

We have had an extremely busy time in school this week. All of the children have worked really hard to rehearse for our Christmas performances and the School Council have helped to decorate our Christmas tree. We have also been visited once again by our cheeky school Elf who surprises the children each day with his antics!

In Diamonds Class this week the children have been learning all about the numbers to ten in their Mathematics work. They have learnt to subitise, record numbers using tally marks and carefully count different amounts of objects. In their PSHE lesson this week the children were thinking about how to be a good friend. This links really well to our new whole school value of thoughtfulness and the children thought about the actions that constitute being a good friend and things that do not. In Key Stage One this week the children have been looking at spooky forest settings in their English lessons. They have used adjectives and expanded noun phrases to write a description of a spooky forest. They produced some super writing. In their Geography lesson this week the children continued their work on different types of weather. They discussed the hot and cold weather types in the UK and used a map and a globe to identify different hot and cold countries. In Key Stage Two this week the children have continued to study the story 'The Polar Express' in their English lessons. As part of their writing tasks they pretended that they were a character from the story who had arrived in the North Pole. They looked at the features of letters and ensured that they used description and wrote in paragraphs. In their Geography lesson this week the children found out more about earthquakes. They learnt about how the strength of an earthquake is measured, what causes earthquakes to happen and which countries are more likely to have earthquakes occur.

Parking Reminder

For the safety of the children and due to very limited space please could we remind all parents and carers that the front school car park/driveway is for the use of staff and visitors only and should not be used by parents/carers bringing or collecting their children from school. This is to ensure the safety of the children and parents/carers on the school grounds. We do appreciate that there may well be times where some parents/carers may need to access the car park due to an exceptional circumstance or their child's needs. Permission will need to be gained in advance and can be discussed on an individual basis. There is plenty of parking available at The Star Pub who have kindly agreed to let parents and carers use their car park at drop off times. Thank you.

Head Lice

Please be aware that head lice (nits) is very common in schools and we ask for all children with long hair to wear it tied back to help prevent this. Can we please ask that you regularly check your child's head and if unsure please refer to the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>. Thank you.

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 Pantomime

Our trip to the Pantomime is **next Tuesday!** The coach will be leaving at 9.15am so please ensure your child arrives at school promptly. If you have not pre-ordered a school packed lunch, please ensure your child has a packed lunch with them. **ALL** children will need a water bottle to take with them to the theatre.

If any outstanding payments can please be made we would be very grateful.

Christmas Plays

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

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

Please note there will be no PE for Years 1-4 on Wednesday 13th.

Tickets have now been sent out in your child's book bags.

Christmas Disco

We are excited to be able to hold our Christmas Disco again this year and it will be on **Friday 15th December from 4pm-5.30pm at the Village Hall.**

Tickets are just **£3 each** which includes a drink and a packet of crisps. Tickets are available to buy on ParentMail and will be sent home with your child on Thursday.

Diary Dates

Monday 11th December – Diamond Class Christmas Play – 2.30pm

Tuesday 12th December – Whole School Panto trip

Wednesday 13th December – Year 1-4 Christmas Play – 2pm

Thursday 14th December – Year 1-4 Christmas Play – 2pm

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