

Important Dates and Key Information

Staff Lowdown – Interview from the School Council (each newsletter they will interview a member of staff to find out more about them)

This Newsletter, it is
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(midday supervisor)

Favourite Sport – Motor cycle racing
Favourite Football Team – Manchester United
Fun Fact – I used to marshal at motor cycle racing
Favourite Food – Chinese
What do you prefer, a car or a bike? – Car
Favourite hobby – Gardening
What do you grow? – plants and vegetables
Favourite part of the job – Getting to know the children
Favourite fruit - bananas
Fun vegetable – cauliflower

All the key dates will be written as a running order down this section of the News from the School updates.

10/12/18 – Choir to Well Green House

12/12/18- Year 1 Christmas Nativity and Choir – Carols Around the Christmas Tree at the Community Centre

12/12/18 Year 6 Mexican Fiesta

13/12/18 Year 2 Christmas Nativity

14/12/18 Lada KS2 Performance “Dick Whittington”

14/12/18 Christmas Jumper Day

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Shining the Light of Learning into the Fullness of Life



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

PTA

I wanted to let you know that the PTA has lots of amazing ideas and is now looking for new members. If you would like to get involved in your school, raise lots of money for our children and enjoy an amazing social circle, please do get in touch.

Thank you so much for such an AMAZING Christmas Fair and for buying every child in school a Christmas cracker for their school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 19th December! I am delighted to announce that the Christmas Fair raised a huge £1417.51! This is just an amazing achievement. Thank you to everyone involved in the PTA for all your efforts.

We would also like to thank you all for buying us lots of lovely books that will be used across the school with the proceeds of the School Discos.

School Logo

I am delighted to announce the winner of the school logo competition! It is Amelia Hopkinson of 6CW. Thank you to everyone who entered – you made the competition very tough

I'd also like to thank the School Council who selected the new logo and Andrew and Paul from Brand Newark for meeting the School Council (and listening to their requirements) before assisting with the project. The designs are now being finalised and will be released as soon as possible.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Thank you to everyone who submitted their Christmas Decorations for the Coddington Christmas Tree Competition. They were all fantastic and it made the judging very difficult.

Huge congratulations however, go to Ethan Booth of 1GC for the most Innovative Design and to Nina Martindale of 5NW as the most Festive Design. They

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17/12/18 Nursery and Foundation Christmas Nativity 2pm

17/12/18 Choir – The Troc Care Home

18/12/18 Nursery and Foundation Christmas Nativity 9.30am

18/12/18 Year 4 American Day

19/12/18 School Christmas Dinner

19/12/18 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party

20/12/18 New Parent Tour of School

20/12/18 EYFS Christmas Party

21/12/18 Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party

21/12/18 End of Term Two

07/01/19 Start of Term Three (Spring Term)

10/01/19 Year 5 Planetarium (details to follow)

10/01/19 Foundation and Year 6 Height and Weight

11/01/19 Year 5 Swimming (for 5 weeks)

18/01/19 Year 5 Afternoon Visit to Newark Academy

24/01/19 DARE Graduation (details to follow)

are all hanging on the Coddington Village Christmas Tree for all to see.

School Choir

I just wanted to give a very special mention and thank you to the School Choir. The performances at the Newark Christmas light switch-on, Coddington Christmas Fair, Christingle Service at All Saints' Church and The Well Green Care Home have simply been superb!



Thank you so much to all the staff in giving up their time to make this such a special choir.

Celebrations of Learning

It has been a delight to see so much learning going on across the school so far this term and thought I'd share some with you. This will rotate every week. This week it is the turn of Year 4. This half term we have been learning about James and the Giant Peach. We have studied the book and designed our own front covers.



In our class, we did some drama and wrote some speech for the main characters. We tried to make the speech show the character's personality.

"Come here little boy I've got something for you that will change your life forever," whispered the strange old man, in a mysterious voice. By Sriya
"You're are just skin and bone!" screamed Aunt Sponge, with a mean grin on her face. By Isla
"You are as thin as a sharp pencil," cried Aunt Sponge, staring at her sister. By Sorrel

"Do your chores you disgusting little worm," cried Aunt Sponge, horribly. By Tyler

Last week, we also wrote our own version of the story and we are going to read these to the Key Stage One children.

E-safety

With Christmas around the corner and Father Christmas' list featuring more and more 'smart' devices; we felt it was a prudent time to explore the e-safety issues around the devices. Smart devices (iPads, Alexa, fitness trackers, handheld games consoles etc.) are all part of the growing trend for the 'internet of things'. This means that these devices are constantly connected to the internet via home WiFi or a mobile network.

This allows for the devices to access information from the web, play online with friends or even access real time weather information etc. This is an amazing use of the technology available to us, though as with anything vulnerabilities in the devices can exist. Hackers may be able to access personal data on the devices. They may even be able (as demonstrated on BBC Watchdog recently), to take over the cameras and microphones on these devices to stream on the web. Ensuring the devices are updated with the latest patches and firmware can aid with security. Internet connected devices potentially allow for pupils to contact and be contacted by others.

The use of online games and apps, often have a chat element. While this can usually be restricted to a friend's list, sometimes other adults can infiltrate these chats, spreading hate speech, bad language and potentially as a tool for the sexual exploitation of children, (this does happen and has happened to pupils of our school in the past). Most apps and devices have a level of parental control and privacy settings to help limit the potential risks.

We are proud of our pupils and would hope that they are able to apply their knowledge of e-safety to ensure they are behaving properly and safely online. We want all of the pupils to have a very happy Christmas using their new smart in the way intended and staying safe from harm.

Sporting Success

A huge well done to all our sport teams this term. It has been fantastic to see so many sporting achievements and such sterling sportsmanship. Thank you much to all the parents and staff who make sure this is possible.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year! We are all very much looking forward to 2019 and another exciting term ahead.

