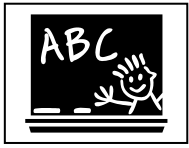


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Dark evenings



As we head into December, it is getting darker much earlier. Remember to get the children wearing their reflective gear and have lights on bikes or scooters. If you are staying for after school clubs, please plan carefully how you are going to get home safely with 'vehicles'. If you're walking, it may be that you need to carry a torch!

On Monday 4th December Isla H, Georgia H and Evie H will be selling Christmas brooches for £1 each raising money for Edward's Trust, a charity offering counselling and support for people who have lost loved ones. They will be selling in the hall on Monday morning break. Please bring along money if you wish to purchase to support this amazing charity.



TEN PIECES
GET CREATIVE WITH CLASSICAL MUSIC

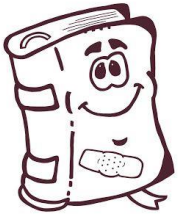
Last week, Year 6 took part in the BBC 10 Pieces Live Lesson. During this current academic year, the BBC will be promoting 10 pieces of classical music to inspire children to think creatively and develop

their knowledge of the performing arts. The BBC live lesson focused on the Nutcracker and the compositions of Tchaikovsky. Whilst the Year 6 children were watching the live lesson, they took part in some little activities, which were set by the BBC. These activities focused on: listening and responding to piece of music – discussing how it made us feel; working individually to move creatively and make body shapes based on the music; working in pairs to create a dance motif; and finally performing a group dance as the 'core de ballet.' Year 6 really enjoyed the BBC 10 Pieces Live Lesson - they cannot wait until the next one!



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Spring Cleaning (in November!)



Thank you to the parents who joined us yesterday to help out with the Reading Book Spring Clean. Mrs Horler, Mrs Da Rosa, Mrs Allton, Mrs Williams, Mrs Watling and Mrs Cramp did an amazing job of sorting, repairing and cataloguing the books! Thank you all ☺

Please help us to continue their great work by checking the books your children have out of the boxes this weekend at home and making any repairs required if possible. Also if you note your child's book is missing the coloured book band, please ask them to return it to their class teacher rather than placing it back in the box, so we can finalise the spring cleaning project.

We have identified some gaps in our stock as a result of their work and will be looking to raise some money to replenish these gaps. In the meantime - if you have any books on your book case that your children have grown out of and you are clearing space for any gifts this Christmas, we would be really grateful if these could be donated to school.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to those parents who voted in our Parent Governor Election during the last three weeks. We had 107 ballot papers returned (just over 25%) and I can announce that the winner of the election was **Mr Tim Gee** (father of Harrison in Y4).

We look forward to welcoming Mr Gee to the Governing Board and to his support in continuing to build on the successes of the school as we drive forward.



Christmas Disco



It is our Christmas Disco **tonight**. We have not issued tickets, but have a register of those who have paid via Parent Pay.

Drop off - Please bring the children to the front door of school at 4:30 for Lower School (Y3&4) or 6:00 for Upper School (Y5&6). It would be really helpful if parents could take coats away with them and no mobile phones are allowed, thank you.

Collection – Lower School at 6:00 and Upper School at 7:30. Please head onto the playground through the big gate on the car park and pick up Y3 from Miss Murfin's classroom and Y4 from Mrs David's classroom. This is the safest and quickest way we have found to ensure all children leave with the correct adult. For Upper School, pick up Y5 from Miss Murfin's and Y6 from Mrs David's classroom.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe