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**Pakeman
Primary
School**

Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

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Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We have a number of exciting events happening in the weeks leading up to the Christmas break.

Christmas Fair

Everyone is invited to join us at our Christmas Fair on **Tuesday 4th December** after school in the Bottom Hall. It promises to be a lot of fun with a Santa's Grotto, games, tombola, sweets, cakes and a whole lot more!

We would really appreciate donations of cakes and **new** items for the tombola. These should be left in the school office.

Winter Cinema Night

We are having a cinema night on Thursday 6th December from 6.00-7.30pm. We will be watching the film 'Elf'. Tickets cost £1 each, and all children under 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Do come along—the children absolutely love this event!

Christmas Jumper Day

Instead of school uniform, children can wear a Christmas jumper, or one that is red or sparkly, to school on Friday 14th December. It's a lot of fun for the children seeing the jumper designs.



Christmas Production

Our Christmas production this year is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and every child in the school will be performing on the stage. The acting parts will be done by our Year 6 children, and every class will perform a song. Our stage productions are always fantastic—the children really shine up on the stage, so please put the dates in your diaries. There will be 3 opportunities for parents/carers to see the show, as follows:
Thursday 13th December afternoon
Friday 14th December morning
Friday 14th December afternoon
Tickets, costing £1 each, will be available next week from the school office.

EYFS Nativity

The annual nativity performed by Reception and Nursery will be on the last day of term, 21st December, in the morning. EYFS parents will be invited to come along to this event, which is always delightful and not to be missed!

Important Information for Parents of children starting Reception in September 2019

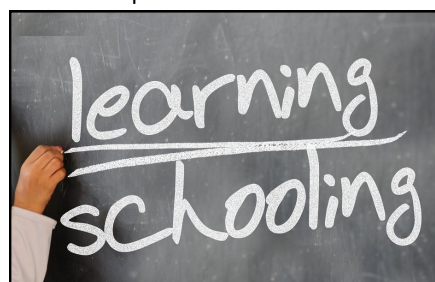
The deadline for applications for Reception places for September 2019 is 15th January 2019. Please note that there are no brochures or paper applications. All the information about the application process and the form to make the application are online. If you live in Islington you must make your application for a Reception place through Islington Council's website, which is at www.islington.gov.uk. Once there, click on the following tabs in order:

- Children and families
- Schools
- Apply for a school place
- Apply for a primary school place

Do not forget to submit your form when you have finished. Once you have done that you will get a receipt. Your application must be submitted before 15th January 2019. Please do not apply later than this as you may not be offered your first preference if you do.

If you live outside Islington, then you must make your application for a Reception place through your own local authority website and the deadline will be the same.

If you need any help with the application process please come into the school office and speak to Ann.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Ideas to support behaviour issues

A 5-week course for parents/carers of EYFS children on Tuesdays 9.05-11.15am starting Tuesday 6th November

Christmas Fair

Tuesday 4th December after school

Winter Cinema Night

6th December 6.00-7.30pm

Christmas Production

13th December pm
14th December am and pm

Christmas Jumper Day

14th December

EYFS Nativity

21st December am

Last day of Term

Friday 21st December (school finishes at 1.30pm)

Please note that holidays are not authorised during term time. Unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty charge being issued to each parent with parental responsibility.

P4C QUESTION

Discuss this question at home, sharing your thoughts and ideas:

What are some of the best things about nature?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Jessica (Blue Class) for her fantastic performance skills and entering Britain's got Talent



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Green	None	Lilac and Green
KS2	Pink	None	Pink

Word of the week

Flutter

Definition:

What a bird or other creature with wings does when it flies unsteadily or hovers by flapping its wings quickly and lightly

Use of the word *flutter* in a sentence:

Looking out the window I could see a couple of butterflies *fluttering* around the garden.

Year 2+ Learning

The 2+ topic this term has been Festivals and Celebrations, and discovering differences and similarities between each other, special friends and families. They have been sharing different cultural experiences, such as Halloween, Black history month, bonfire night fireworks, Diwali and preparing for Christmas. The children enjoyed exploring Black history month through the story of 'Handa's Surprise' and discovering fruits from Africa through activities such as role play in their very own Handa's fruit stall, cutting their favourite fruits to eat and exploring papier mache to create 3D fruits. They have had fun dressing up and creating spider hats for Halloween, watching firework displays on the interactive screen and seeing sparklers fizzle and pop in the garden. The children have been exploring Diwali through Rangoli art and LED lights, developing their fine motor skills to cut and hold a pen with more control. They are currently making decorations for the Bottom Hall display and look forward to sharing these for the festive celebrations.



Ice Skating at Somerset House

On Wednesday, the 60 highest scoring KS2 children from the 'Good to Be Green' behaviour scheme this term were treated to an ice skating session at Somerset House. They had an absolutely wonderful time on the ice and in keeping with their good behaviour in school they were exceptionally well behaved on the trip. Well done to all of these children and thank you to the staff who took them on the trip. A very special thanks to Kat from Somerset House who made this visit possible.

