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Carols in the Playground

Thank you to everyone that came and supported the event on Wednesday. It was a really enjoyable and festive evening. A big thank you to the M&M Club for their wonderful singing, and special thanks to all of the volunteers who gave up their own time at this busy time of year. The fabulous sum of £380 was raised for the school library! There is still one raffle prize that was unclaimed so if you are ticket holder 323 please get in touch for your prize.

Pop Up Pub

To really kick off the Christmas holidays there will be a Pop Up Pub at Storwood Shoot Lodge on Friday 21st December. The bar opens from 3pm until midnight. The Rhodes family have kindly offered to donate all profits from the evening to Melbourne Friends of School so please come along and show your support. Everyone is welcome!

FoS Feedback

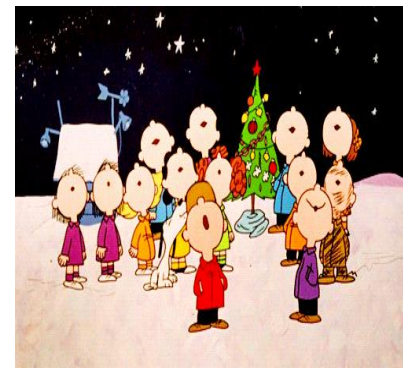
The FoS committee work really hard to put on events to raise money for the school. At times we do struggle to find volunteers to help at the events and we are very grateful for the people who offer their precious time and help. We are committed to raising money for the school to provide special treats for the children as well as funding the bigger school projects. If you have any feedback, ideas or suggestions for future events that you would like to share with us please contact us on melbournefos@gmail.com or in person. Thank you.

Chocolate box challenge

Year 5 and 6 children went to the Woldgate Chocolate Box Challenge at York University on Thursday 13th December. This was an exciting and creative day which focused on developing pupils' enterprise skills, team work and business skills. In addition to the main competition, pupils were taken on a tour of the main university campus by the Student Ambassadors. This also acts as a super transition opportunity for children, as schools from the cluster were also taking part. We are pleased to report a most interesting day was had by all and behaviour and manners were excellent. Well done everyone. Thanks to Mrs Lawrie for organising and to Mrs Knight for her support on the day.

Key Stage 2 Performances

Thank you to all members of our school community for coming along on Monday and Tuesday to watch the Key Stage 2 interpretation of a Christmas Carol – a perfect complement to their study of The Victorians this term. The children worked incredibly hard during rehearsals and their hard work certainly paid off. The phrase 'being a Scrooge' has become shorthand for bringing the festive mood down. Whilst the character Scrooge makes mistakes, rejecting goodwill, he ultimately is someone who atones for the errors of his ways and is welcomed back into society once he does. The children have shown great maturity exploring themes such as poverty, compassion, hope and forgiveness. We are incredibly proud of them all.



...And there's more!

Early Years and Key Stage 1 have been hard at work preparing this year's nativity. Performances are now booked up and entrance will be by ticket only. We kindly ask that children taking part in the performance arrive back at school by 6pm for a 6:30pm start. The performance will last approximately 20mins plus changing time. To help you plan the best place to sit we can tell you that Class 1 "stars" will be on the right hand side near the hall doors and Class 2 "townsfolk" will be near the kitchen. We are all very excited about our performance and hope to see you there! Refreshments are kindly being laid on again by FoS.

Chapel Visits

Class 2 and Class 4 have visited Melbourne Methodist Chapel this week. Class 2 made Christingles using an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. The children learned what each object represents and why Christingles are an important feature of an Advent service. Class 4 were lucky enough to meet members of the local community and talk about their faith and find out how they celebrate special festivals within their families. The children looked at some of the symbols and artefacts associated with religious celebrations.

Early Pick Up

Please remember to let us know if you wish your child to be picked up early on the last day of term (Friday 21st). This will ensure that teaching and support staff can make the necessary arrangements of having your child/ren ready in the main hall with all of their belongings for the holidays. In order to comply with our Safeguarding policy, please also remember to notify the school office of the named adult (if not the parent) that you are authorising to collect your child/ren as we are unable to release otherwise. Thank you.

Remember...

We are at school on Friday 21st Dec and we return to school on Monday 7th January 2019 – bright eyed, bushy tailed and far too full of mince pies probably!

Party Day

If children wish to bring party clothes for their parties on Thursday they are most welcome. Children should come to school in school uniform with their party clothes in a named bag. Please do not pack any clothes that are particularly precious as invariably the children will play outside for part of the day in their clothes and, if the ground is wet, clothes and shoes may be spoiled.



Menu Change

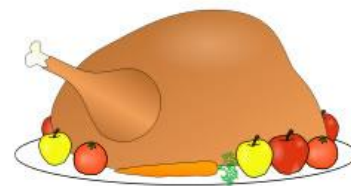
There shall be a slight menu change next week, details below.

School Dinners

All our dishes are homemade. Fresh fruit and yoghurt are available every day. Vegetarians and all children with special dietary requirements will be catered for. If your child is having the sandwich options during the week please let us know at the office and we will be able to supply you with the information you require. School dinners are priced at £2.40.

School dinner menu - week commencing 17th December

Mon	Spaghetti Bolognese served with Crusty Breads, Green Beans, and Sweetcorn Chocolate Crackle
Tues	Pizza with Wedges, Baked Beans, Peas Muffin
Weds	Sausages and Mash served with Carrots & Broccoli Oat Biscuits
Thurs	<u>Party Lunch</u>
Fri	<u>Christmas Dinner</u>



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