

Dear Parents and Guardians

I am starting this newsletter with a huge thank you to the PSA who put on a great Christmas Fair. As yet we don't have a total but have a good feeling that we will have raised more than last year. Thank you to all the friends and families who supported this event, it was lovely to see so many of you there.



A final reminder for your Bags2School. Don't forget all your second hand clothes, etc., for the PSA's collection for Bags2School on Friday 1st and Monday, 4th December. The PSA receive money on the weight of the bags! **Note:** All the school lost property in the Lost Property Box under the parent shelter will also be going to Bags2School and this has already been bagged up. Any lost property found in the last couple of days will not be recycled.

Disabled parking bays are for blue badge holders only. It is imperative that our disabled spaces are available for use any time during the day and evening when the school is in use.



January 4th 2018 is **World Braille Day** and to celebrate this the school will be holding a Visual Impairment Awareness Day on Wednesday 10th January. We have some very special guests coming to present an assembly to the children - some students from the VI Unit at Oxted School. We look forward to welcoming them and learning about living with a visual impairment throughout the day.

I have attached our annual **severe weather** advice letter, please keep it to hand as the weather turns particularly cold.



Wrap Around Care are supporting **Nourish Community Food Bank** (not to be confused with Nourish our Caterers!) this Christmas by taking part in the reverse advent calendar. Nourish's Reverse Advent Calendar means doing Advent with a twist: instead of opening a box for a daily treat, people are asked to put an essential food bag item into a box every day during December. As an alternative, making a £3 donation is enough to buy someone in need a foodbag meal over the Christmas period. Please see attached poster.



Q&A Section Nourish Prepaid School Dinners

Question: What happens to my money when I have prepaid for a lunch but then my child is sick/absent that day?

Answer: Your prepaid money will be taken from your account for the day your child is sick/absent, but you will then be issued with a credit note from the kitchen. This credit note comes home with your child. You complete the credit note with a new date you wish your child to have a school dinner and return the slip back to the kitchen. If you have prepaid for the whole term then the credit note needs to be used the following term. If you have prepaid for the whole week then you can use the credit note the following week. Make sure you do not pay for the new day you have chosen.

Question: I would like my child to have a **Christmas Dinner** on the 14th December what do I need to do?



Answer: If your child is registered online with Nourish you just select the 14th of December as you would for any other meal booking. This must be booked and prepaid by Thursday the 7th December. If your child is not registered with Nourish you need to do this first and follow the registration instructions <http://www.nourishcontractcatering.co.uk/>. I would strongly advise doing this **now** just in case there are any technical difficulties. The deadline for bookings and payments is the 7th December and this will be strictly adhered to as the kitchen needs to order the food in good time. Please note that the arrears function will not be available to use for this meal. Christmas menu poster attached to this email.

Advent Calendar
made by Miss
Goodfellow



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On Monday 20th November 2017 James, Edward, Anja, Lakishia, Joshua and Devon went to **Boccia** in Sevenoaks. We played against different teams from other schools. Boccia is a Paralympic sport where you roll a white ball and then try to get your red or blue ball nearest to it.

The team that wins is the school that gets the most coloured balls near to the white ball. We showed great sportsmanship cheering others on and shaking hands. We had to work together as a team, with great friendship. We had two great team captains in Devon and Oliver.

Mrs Richardson: "I was so pleased at the teamwork everyone showed and enjoyed cheering at the back."

Anja: "My favourite bit was throwing the balls with my team."

Joshua: "My favourite bit was winning the game with my team."

James: "My favourite bit was getting my ball nearest the white one."

Lakishia: "My favourite bit was getting the ball nearest the white one and winning."

Edward: "I like it when my red ball hit the white ball and I won."

STOP PRESS: We are excited to announce that the Boccia organisers have received the results from the Mid, East and West Kent tournaments and both Bishops Down teams have qualified for the next round. We have been invited to the county finals in Canterbury in March. We are all very excited and proud of all the children involved. **Mrs Tizzard and Mrs Richardson**



Bishops Down Movie Night!

Thursday 14 December 6pm-8.15pm

"The Polar Express"

Drop your children off to watch a movie whilst you get your late night Christmas shopping done!

£4.50 or £4 each for a family of 3 or more - includes popcorn, hot chocolate and bag of sweets.