



Message from Mrs How:

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and enjoy our "Wriggly Nativity" this week. It was so lovely to welcome parents into the school again for this Christmas tradition. As I explained, this was the first opportunity for all the children on stage (Reception, year 1 and year 2) to perform to a full live adult audience after various restrictions over the last couple of years. Some parents commented that "it was worth the wait" which was very much appreciated. All the children and staff worked very hard and should be very proud of their performance.

Next week our Key Stage 2 children will be performing in the church and we look forward to sharing our celebrations with their parents and families.

I hope everyone managed to read through the information I sent earlier this week concerning the Strep A / Scarlet Fever situation. I have not heard of any confirmed or suspected cases in our community, but that is not a reason for complacency. Please monitor any illnesses carefully and if in doubt, seek advice from a healthcare professional (this could be your GP, Health Visitor or NHS 111).

It is always worrying when a child is unwell. Group A streptococcus (GAS) is a common bacteria which can cause infections with various symptoms such as sore throat, fever, chills and muscle aches. If you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Equally, if we have any concerns at school we will contact you immediately.

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*"The most worthwhile thing is to
try to put happiness into the lives of others."*

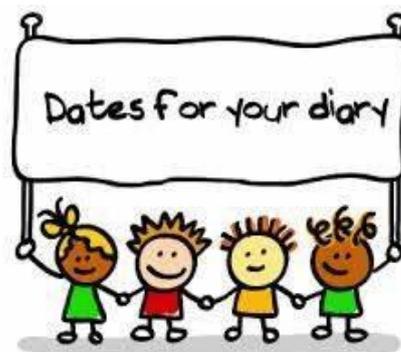
Robert Baden-Powell

School Meal Charges Autumn 2022

Daily:	£2.40
Weekly:	£12.00
1st half term	£84.00
2nd half term	£91.20
Whole term	£175.20

Please make payment for school lunches via Pay360 (formerly SIMS PAY) **in advance of meals taken.**

We are now a 'cashless' school and will no longer accept either cash or cheques. If you need to set up a Pay360 account, please contact the office at office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk



December

- 14th Year 4 trip to Fitzwilliam Museum
- 15th KS2 Church Service 9.30am
- 15th KS2 Church Service 6.30pm
- 15th Christmas Dinner
- 16th Rocksteady Concert
- 19th Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th Year 5 family get together
- 21st Last day of Autumn term

January

- 4th INSET day (children not in school)
- 5th Children return to school

February

- 13th-17th Spring half term

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent please advise us on 01763 852474 (Option 1) and leave a message on the absence line or email office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Please don't message via Parentmail as we don't use this aspect of the system and so this won't be seen.

School uniform

Please, please ensure that your child's belongings (uniform, bags, water bottle etc) are all labelled with your child's name. We have a number of jumpers and other items which have been misplaced by their owners which we can't return as they don't have the child's name inside, or have the name of a 'previous owner'.

Notice Board

Coughs, Colds and Covid

We are seeing many more seasonal coughs and colds than usual at the moment; all these viruses seem to be with us in abundance after the last couple of years.

Please, please encourage good hygiene practices with your children, reminding them to 'catch' coughs and sneezes; preferably in a disposable tissue, but at least into their hand or elbow.

The NHS offers the following advice on how to avoid spreading a cold:

- wash your hands often with warm water and soap
- use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- bin used tissues as quickly as possible

Please also keep an eye out for symptoms of Covid-19, it hasn't gone away and we've had several cases in school recently. Advice regarding this is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Home Time Arrangements

Please ensure that you advise the office by email on office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk by **12 noon** if your child's home time arrangement will be different from usual.

Please also remember that if your child is being collected with another child to let us know; we've had a number of occasions when the office has had to make last-minute phone calls at the end of the day for this reason.

KS2 Christmas Church Service

As you know from a previous Parentmail and information in The Star, our KS2 Church Service will take place next Thursday (15th) at 9.30am and 6.30pm.

All KS2 children will take part in the morning service as it is within the school day. Children are then required to return for the evening service - please could you **bring your child into school between 5.50pm and 6.00pm** next Thursday. They will then need to be collected from the church after the service at approximately 7.30pm.

News from Starling Class (Reception)

Sparkly greetings from Starling Class!

Well didn't they do well?! We are very proud of every single Starling this week, they have managed to put on three amazing performances, showcasing their dance moves and singing skills.

We had calm mornings this week starting the day with wake and shake, followed by COOL Time where they practiced their sharing and turn-taking skills and they even went out for morning break with Key Stage One and Year Three! Then their afternoons were spent preparing for Showtime where, I am sure you will agree with us, each performance was a showstopper! Elfie has kept the children entertained this week, hiding in a stocking and even dressing up as the Bethlehem Star during Nativity day!

We will continue our Phonics and Maths sessions next week to identify any gaps in learning ready to prepare for next Half Term. We will also begin our Christmas art activities! Thank you for continuing with homework, the children's confidence in reading and writing is improving week on week and they are demonstrating their skills more frequently during COOL Time, which has been lovely to see.





Next week, if your child has not yet done their Show and Tell this Half Term and is desperate to show something interesting or tell us about an exciting experience, then please feel free to bring something in to share.

We will be taking books in next Friday 16th December for the festive period, so please ensure that your child's book is back in school as we will be taking an inventory. We will send home the next set of books in January.

Have a relaxing weekend!

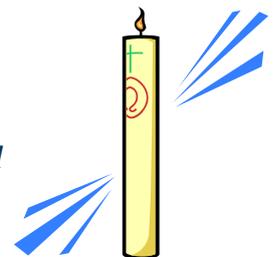
Mrs Meridew, Mrs Monks, Mrs Brown and Mrs Keech



Assemblies, Collective Worship and Reflection

In Monday's assembly we lit the second of our Advent Candles; the candle for Peace. As well as an ambition for peace across the world and a future where people can live without the fear of conflict, we also thought about finding peace within ourselves when times feel difficult. Our Bible reading was from Matthew 2 v1-12

We have been practising *Once in Royal David's City* and *O Come All Ye Faithful* for our church service next Thursday, and these have been featuring regularly in our assemblies across recent weeks.



News from Robin Class (Year 1)

This week we have obviously been focussing a lot on the Nativity performances! I hope, if you managed to come along to watch on either of the afternoons, that you were suitably impressed and proud of your child and the whole class. They have all worked really hard to learn all the songs, actions, signs and dances, and earned themselves a class star for their efforts. We are in negotiation as to what their treat might be for collecting six class stars this term!!

We have, however also been working hard in the mornings on some Maths, thinking about addition word problems (identifying the important numbers and what to do with them) and nearer the end of the week, about 'missing number' calculations. The children have developed their understanding of how to work these out, with most children now able to put a number (1 'part') in their head, count on using their fingers until they get to the 'target' number (the answer, or the 'whole') and working out what the missing number (another 'part') might be.

to, today, I, you, your, be, me, we, so, there, love, come, full

To help create a bit of a more Christmassy atmosphere in the classroom, the children have also worked hard on paper chain patterns and week-day paper chains! These will come home at the end of term so you can see your child's creation.



Please remember: Named, individual water bottles still needed in school daily, even as the weather gets colder (and the number of germs increase); a healthy fruit snack if your child may not like the fruit provided in school; No toys or fidget toys into school.

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If, by any chance any of our Nativity clothes have come home by mistake, please can you send them back in next week! Thank you!

Have a great weekend,

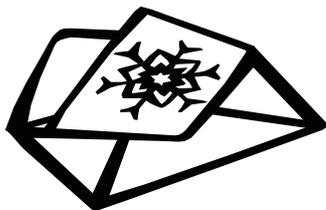
Mrs Bowmer, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Carter



Christmas Post

Our Christmas Post box is now available for children to use.

Could you please remind children to put the class name or year group on the envelope, as well as the recipient's name, to help our volunteer sorters and deliverers to know which child it is intended for?



Message from the Governors

It's been lovely to see and hear about all the activities that have been taking place this term at the school and out and about. The children have clearly been working very hard both within the curriculum and also preparing for the great Nativity performance that took place this week. At the time of writing, it looks like there is still a lot more to come before the end of term. As governors, we're very aware of some of the post-Covid challenges that all schools across the country are currently facing. At Steeple some of the measures we have taken include utilising our spend on catch-up tuition where needed and providing the staff with 'Cambridgeshire STEPS' training (a behaviour management approach to pro-social behaviours) as shared by Mrs How in the weekly Star back in October, we have also approved the appointment of a Behaviour Support Worker.

Since the start of this academic year, we have been introducing some new governors/associates to our team and will share more with you on these changes in the New Year. In the meantime we'd like to introduce you to one of our longer standing Curriculum governors.

My name is Liz Martin, and we've lived in Steeple Morden for 7 years after we relocated from Cheshire with my job at AstraZeneca. We have 3 children and when we moved to Steeple our eldest went off to University, and the younger 2 joined Steeple Morden Primary School in Year 4 and Reception. They are both now at Bassingbourn Village College.

I became an Associate Governor in 2019, to learn more about how the school is managed and how the curriculum is organised, delivered and pupil progress monitored. I became a full parent Governor a year later and am involved with the Curriculum Committee. Being a scientist, I particularly enjoy learning about how maths and science are taught, and also analysing the pupil progress data for all subjects.

If you are considering becoming a Governor, I definitely recommend becoming an Associate Governor first, as it gives you the opportunity to learn about how the Governing body is organised and all the different aspects they are responsible for, before committing to becoming a Governor.

We would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas break.

How the Nurturing Programme has helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now."

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer."

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week."

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected."



Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on The Parenting Puzzle book and the Nurturing Programme

The Nurturing Programme information for Parents and carers

Where:

**Chesterton Methodist Church,
Green End Road, Chesterton,
Cambridge
CB4 1RW**

When:

Tuesdays : 9.30-11.30am
Course dates for 2023:
10th, 17th, 24th, 31st January
7th, 21st, 28th February
7th, 14th, 21st March

Contact details:

Contact Ros and Sarah
To find out more or book your place
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The Nurturing Programme

Information for Parents and carers
How to get the best out of family life



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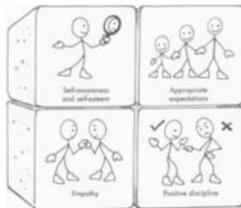
'Parenting Puzzle'

The nurturing programme's 10-week course is FREE!

Tuesday mornings (9.30-11.30am)

Chesterton Methodist Church, Green End Road, Chesterton, CB4 1RW

Starting 10th January 2023



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With a strong emphasis on praise for you and your children, you'll have the chance to be encouraged, learn, be real, challenge yourself and meet others in the same boat.

Register your interest or sign up by contacting
Parenting Puzzle Course Leaders – Ros and Sarah,
07726 585653 or email northcambridgeparentingpuzzle@gmail.com

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Warm Hubs

At the heart of local communities, Warm Hubs are friendly places to help you keep warm and connected this winter. Warm Hubs also offer light refreshments and somewhere to socialise. You can access information on how to reduce bills, find out about additional financial support as well as how to stay healthy and well. Activities and services at Warm Hubs are run by trained local volunteers.

All Warm Hubs are accessible for those with mobility issues. Anyone of any age, background or circumstances can go to a Warm Hub – you can visit as many times as you like and stay for as long as the Hub is open, or you can head off anytime. No need to book, just turn up. For information on local Warm Hubs go to <https://www.haysouthcambs.co.uk/support/warm-hubs/>

News from Owl Class (Year 2)

We have finished our 'Wriggly Nativity' performances now and all the children did very well, we really appreciate all the parents who came to watch and all the time put in beforehand to help children rehearse their lines at home. Please enjoy some photos below.



In our English work this week, we have looked at letter writing again and the children have all written a letter to Santa offering their help as an elf. The children came up with some fantastic reasons as to why Santa should hire them - including they can be stealthy, make coffee and love to feed reindeer!



In our Maths work this week, we've continued to focus on shapes and have now introduced 3D shapes too. We have been learning vocabulary such as 'edges', 'faces' and 'vertices' as well as sorting shapes into groups according to their properties. The children enjoyed combining their addition and subtraction learning to shape by adding up the total of faces or edges or sides to a set total, we discovered the possible combinations are plentiful!

Please can we ask for all reading and library books to be returned to school by Friday 16th December so we can complete an inventory over the holidays. Your child can continue to read books from home over the holidays or enjoy some well-earned rest, we will send school books home again in the first week back in January.

Reminders	
Named Water bottle	to school every day please
Reading books and reading record Book	to school every day please
Yellow Spelling folders	In school on Mondays please, ready for the new spelling sheet to be put in it. Thank you.
Spelling Frame	set every Monday
Mathletics	set every Friday
P.E kits in school	in school every day please

Have a really happy and restful weekend.

Mrs Luebcke, Miss Blesic and the Year 2 team

News from Peacock Class (Year 3)

What a busy week!

We started the week with our first coffee and cake morning. Thank you for all those who donated cake and managed to come and share the children's work. I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children enjoyed sharing their achievements with you. Fingers crossed we can do this again at the end of the Spring term.

Between coffee and enjoying the KS1 Nativity, we started our next unit of English by looking at the features of a play script. We then worked in small groups to write the first draft of a script for the 'Chocolate Room' scene. Work on scripts will continue next week.



Multiplying by 3

Discover



- 1 a) There are 3 balls under each cup.
How many balls are there in total?
Write down a multiplication statement to work out the answer.
- b) Work out 8×3 .

Share

a) Under each cup there are 3 balls.

I counted up in 3s, using a number line to help me.

I could count them one by one.

There are 21 balls in total.

Now I know 7 groups of 3, I can easily work out 8 groups of 3.

This is a 7×3 array. $7 \times 3 = 21$

b) $8 \times 3 = 24$

In Maths we have focussed on multiplying and dividing using groups of three and then groups of four.

Dividing by 3

Discover



- 1 a) Each box holds 3 cupcakes.
How many boxes are needed for all the cupcakes?
Work this out by writing a **division statement**. $\square \div \square = \square$
- b) David buys 27 cakes. He shares them equally between 3 people.
How many cakes do they get each?

Share

a) There are 18 cupcakes.
Each box holds 3 cupcakes.

If I put 3 cupcakes into each box then I have 3 fewer each time, I will use a number line to jump back.

I shared them out 1 at a time. I could have shared them 3 at a time.

b)

There are 27 cakes.
There are 3 people.
Each person gets 9 cakes.
 $27 \div 3 = 9$



In topic work, we have continued with our design technology work, by designing our own chocolate boxes. For the design, we had to consider all the data and information we gathered last week about what the best product would be. Once we had this we needed to think about what makes packaging eye catching, and then the biggest challenge was to get our design onto a net in the correct orientation. To help with this we made a (much needed) prototype.



In French, we had another practise of social greetings, adding another choice of reply to the question of 'How are you?' I can now manage to say 'I am well or I am tired' (sufficient for this time of year) thankfully, the children are doing much better than I am and have a choice of five

appropriate replies! We will continue to practise these along with Silent Night, for the eagerly anticipated Zoom to Geneva.



We have also spent some time practicing songs, actions and dialogue for the church service. Things are coming on very well and we are looking forward to sharing with you the results of our hard work in the church.

Up coming events

- **Church service Thursday 15th 9.30am and 6.30pm** lasting about an hour. Children back to school for 6pm, and need to be dressed in a t -shirt with a Christmas jumper over the top and trousers
- **Monday 19th Christmas jumper day**

Weekly home activities

- **Reading, please aim for at least 4x weekly** noting what has been read in the reading diary.
- **Mathletics and Spelling Frame**
- **Tackling table practise.**

Many thanks

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

From Mrs Seward and Miss Smith



Books ideas for Christmas

Are you considering buying a book for a child, but would like some ideas from children of that age about books they like to read? If so, read on! The school council recently asked children what books they've enjoyed reading and these are their recommendations:

Reception	Oi Frog! (Kes Gray & Jim Field); Jolly Postman (Allan & Janet Ahlberg); Snail and the Whale (Julia Donaldson); Books by Julia Donaldson.
Year 1	Leave Nothing but Footprints (Caroline Nieuwenhuis); Zog and the Flying Doctors (Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler); Goal! (published by DK)
Year 2	Beast Quest series (Adam Blade); Never Mess with a Pirate Princess (Holly Ryan & Sian Roberts); Magic Faraway Tree (Enid Blyton); The Snowman (Raymond Briggs); Malory Towers series (Enid Blyton)
Year 3	Daisy and the Trouble with... series (Kes Gray); The Danger Gang (Tom Fletcher); Bear Grylls Adventures series; Choose your own adventure books.
Year 4	Frankie's Magic Football series (Frank Lampard); Scarlet and Ivy series (Sophie Cleverly); I Got This (Cara Mailey & Chrissie Sains); Codename Bananas (David Walliams); Books by Tom Fletcher.
Year 5	Books by Christopher Edge, Paul Murdin, Amy Watson or Percy Jackson
Year 6	Holes (Louis Sachar); Tom Gates series (Liz Pichon); Guinness World Records 2023.

Christingle Service

at St Mary's Church,
in Guilden Morden

on Sunday,
December 11th
at 4:30 pm



*Come along and have some fun:
hear the Christmas Story,
collect some souvenirs,
and take home your own Christingle.*



(After the service, there will be squash, tea,
coffee and mince pies! Also, a display of
Nativity scenes from around the world for the
children to enjoy...)

Additional homework task suggestions for Year 3

We have all been exciting and enthusiastic about our 'Dahlicious' topic. The children have so far enjoyed looking at the features of biographies, information text on foxes, and descriptive language. They have also looked at the works of Quentin Blake, and collage techniques. Urban and rural features have been discussed, and in science what makes a healthy diet, bones and muscles and the science behind light.

- To compliment this work, you might like to do something at home that broadly related to our topic, this could be about foxes, maybe a fund raising pack explaining the need for monies to be raised along with poster, ideas, games etc. that could be used to raise the funds.
- They may like to research and produce a fact file about a different species of foxes.
- They could think about their favourite Roald Dahl book, and create a board game set around the book's events. Alternatively think about the central character and write a new adventure for them. Create a puppet theatre to retell the story.
- Create and cook a meal themed on a character along with a recipe card and instructions so that it could be recreated.
- Plan a birthday party themed around the events and characters in a book. This could include a homemade outfit, and list of suggested party games.
- Write a script for a favourite scene along with stage directions and suggested props.

These are only suggestions, please feel free to come up with your own ideas, anything goes as long as it is somehow related to our topic 'Dahlicious'.

We will share any creations in the last week of term.

Have fun!!

News from Swift Class (Year 4)

This week through reading the fantasy book, 'Leon and the Place Between', we have been concentrating on the suitability of the adjectives we use to create a vivid picture of the setting – in this case, a fairground. Here are some of the sentences children have written:

"I went on the huge towering helter-skelter, with its glistening sides."

"The mouth-watering scrumptious hotdogs sat on the counter of the shop."

"Along the sides of the rides were luminous, dazzling iridescent lights."

As part of our science work looking at solids and liquids, we made a non-Newtonian fluid sometimes known as 'oobleck' which changes in surprising ways depending how quickly it's stirred. Some children showed interest in wanting to make this at home. The quantities we used were 150g cornflour with 125ml water.

We are looking forward to our visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum next week. We will take a guided workshop around the museum looking at art, which will tie in with our work this term around drawing figures.

We will also be taking part in a Christmas Service in Church at 6.30pm. Costumes can be kept really simple and we're hoping could be created without the need to buy anything; if you're a tree try to wear something green, if you are a reindeer or a bear try to wear something brown (a couple of boys in Year 6 have some great reindeer hats they are willing to lend). If you are playing a human of some sort then smart casual clothes or something festive would be great.

Thank you

Mr Beavan & the Year 4 Team



Church service Thursday 15th
9.30am and 6.30pm lasting
about an hour.

Children back to school for 6pm,
and to be collected from church at
7.30pm.

News from Heron Class (Year 5)

This week has been noticeably busier in terms of preparing for all-things-Christmas in school! We were lucky enough to watch the Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance on Monday and we thoroughly enjoyed it. We very much hope that those parents who have been lucky enough to see one of the other performances during the week feel the same way. We have also visited the Church in the village to practise for the Key Stage 2 Christmas Church Service. Things are beginning to come together for this much-anticipated event; however, we would still be grateful for any extra practice you might be able to squeeze in at home with your child if they have lines to learn for the big day next Thursday.

Around all of this unusual activity in school, we have also carried on with our learning. In English, we continue to make progress with our instruction texts and have completed our end of unit assessment for our latest Maths topic. We have also taken the time to retest your children on the personalised spelling list that was sent home earlier this term. At the time of writing, we have not marked all of these tests but we will have done so soon and the results will then be sent home to you as promised. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to support their child at home by practising these spellings.

We have also continued our work in R.E. This week we have looked at what the Bible has to say about the Kingdom of God and have examined two parables – ‘The Feast’ and ‘The Tenants in the Vineyard’ to see what we can learn from them.



In Science, we have carried out another experiment to investigate the properties of materials. This week, we have been learning about the magnetic properties of materials and have tested various materials to see which ones were attracted to magnets.

With thanks for your continued support,



The Year 5 Team.

**Church service Thursday 15th
9.30am and 6.30pm** lasting
about an hour.

Children back to school for 6pm,
and to be collected from church at
7.30pm.

Smarties Christmas Holiday Club 2022

Thursday 22nd December

Come and get on board The Smarties Polar Express
Create your own Sweet train, golden ticket, train ornaments,
Snow Globes
And lots more fun to be had

Today's lunch

Smarties Christmas lunch with all the trimmings

9am - 1:30pm
£18.00

HAF places
are available

9am - 3:00pm
£20.00

9am - 6:00pm
£30.00

Friday 23rd December

It was the night before Christmas and all though the
house Santa plate, treats, reindeer food, crackers,
stocking were hung by the fireplace with care.....

Today's lunch

Fish fingers and pasta served with peas or sweetcorn
Yoghurts

10 % Sibling
Discount

For more information please email Smarties on georgina@smartiessteplemorden.co.uk
or give us a call on 01763 852888 Ofsted Number:EY434661

Smarties Christmas Holiday club 2022

Prices

- £18.00 per child → Morning Session → 9.00am-1.30pm includes lunch → Breakfast club is available please speak to Georgina if you may
- £20.00 per child → School day → 9.00am-3.00pm includes lunch → require this
- £30.00 per child → Full day → 9.00am-6.00pm includes lunch → 7.45am-9.00am £6
- 10% Sibling Discount

A weeks notice must be given for any cancellations and there will be a charge of £15 per child, per session. Any sessions cancelled with less than a weeks notice are fully payable.

CHILD'S NAME _____ I understand that cancellation fees will apply Signed _____

Date	8:30am-1:30pm	1:30pm-6:00pm	9:00am-3:00pm	8:30am-6:00pm
Thursday 22nd Dec	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Christmas Activity Plan Lunch Menu

Thursday 22nd Dec	<p>Come and get on board The Smarties Polar Express</p> <p>Create your out Sweet train, golden ticket, train ornaments, Snow Globes</p> <p>And lots more fun to be had</p>	<p>Smarties Christmas lunch with all the trimmings</p>	<p>Seasonal fruit skewers</p>
Friday 23rd Dec	<p>It was the night before Christmas and all through the House</p> <p>Santa plate, treats, reindeer food, crackers, stocking were hung by the fireplace with care</p>	<p>Fish fingers and pasta served with peas or sweetcorn</p>	<p>Yoghurts</p>

Each day a variety of Christmas arts & crafts, games, bead and toys are always available. There will be plenty of opportunity for outdoor activities. Scooters and bikes are welcome, but safety helmets are required and must be worn. Please provide a named water

Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK would like to offer those parents whose children did not receive the vaccine in School the opportunity to attend one of their 'Catch-up' Clinics.

They will be operating clinics on a 'Walk-in' basis and therefore no appointment is necessary.

This is for Primary School children in Years Reception to 6 only

All clinics will be available from 10:00 – 14:00 in the following areas on the following dates. If you require an IM (injection), please contact Vaccination UK prior to the clinic you wish to attend (01480 595047). This will enable them to bring enough vaccines with them on the day



Huntingdon	The Coneygear Centre Butts Grove Way PE29 1PE	10 th December
Cambridge	Trumpington Pavilion Paget Road CB2 9JF	17 th December
Haverhill	Epi Centre, Enterprise Way CB9 7LR	19 th December
Great Yarmouth	Hopton Village Hall Station Road, Hopton Village NR31 9BE	19 th and 30 th December
Lowestoft	Oulton Community Centre Meadow Rd NR32 3AZ	20 th and 30 th December
Ipswich *	Martlesham Community Hall Parish Rooms Felixstow Rd HP12 4PB	21st December 08:45 – 12:45 28th December
Bury St Edmunds)	Blackbourne Community Ctre 71 Blackbourne Road IP30 9GY	28 th December
Peterborough	Nene Valley Community Hall 24 Candy Street PE2 9RE	28 th December
Norwich (East) *	Thorpe End Village Hall Plumstead Road Thorpe End NR13 5BU	28 th December
March	Wimblington Parish Hall Adison Road, March PE15 0QT	30 th December

News from Puffin Class (Year 6)

This week, we have finished working through old SATs papers. The children have worked hard and now have a feel of what all the SATs exams will be like in mid-May next year. They are becoming familiar with the types of questions that appear, as well as how quickly they should work and how the questions should be answered. We will be working through the answers, and methods to get to the answers, to some of these tests next week.

In Maths, we looked at simplifying and ordering fractions. We will focus on adding/subtracting fractions next week. We also are continuing with our weekly multiplication tests using 'Tackling Tables'. The children are progressing well, which will put them in

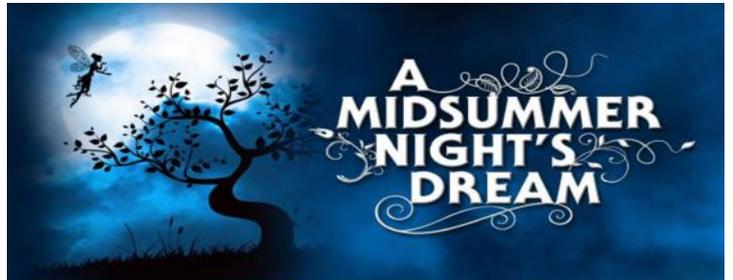
good stead for our unit on fractions – where quick fire multiplication recall is essential.



In English, we have continued to study 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. After looking at some of the main characters from the play and focussing on improving a descriptive paragraph about one of them, we have

planned, written and edited a critical evaluation of an animated film of the play. Some of the children enjoyed the play a lot, and they are beginning to understand the humour and language used by Shakespeare.

We have also been working hard in class on our contribution to the KS2 Christmas service, which is due to take place in the church next week. Homework should be completed by Thursday 15th December – thank you. Keep on reading and learning those times tables too please.



Thank you.

**Mr Baker and the
Year 6 Team**

**Church service Thursday 15th
9.30am and 6.30pm** lasting
about an hour.

Children back to school for 6pm,
and to be collected from church at
7.30pm.



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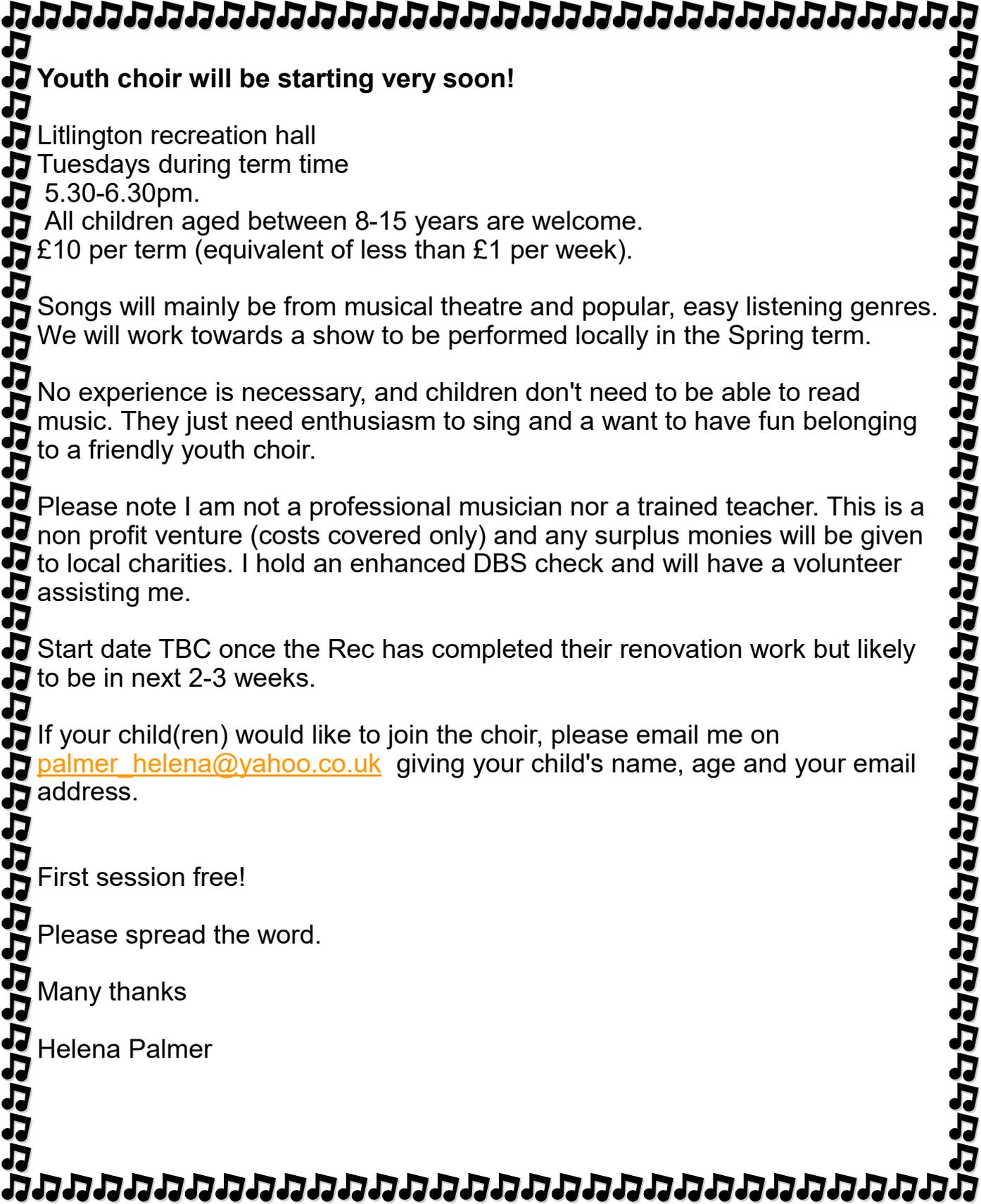
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Songs will mainly be from musical theatre and popular, easy listening genres.
We will work towards a show to be performed locally in the Spring term.

No experience is necessary, and children don't need to be able to read music. They just need enthusiasm to sing and a want to have fun belonging to a friendly youth choir.

Please note I am not a professional musician nor a trained teacher. This is a non profit venture (costs covered only) and any surplus monies will be given to local charities. I hold an enhanced DBS check and will have a volunteer assisting me.

Start date TBC once the Rec has completed their renovation work but likely to be in next 2-3 weeks.

If your child(ren) would like to join the choir, please email me on palmer_helena@yahoo.co.uk giving your child's name, age and your email address.

First session free!

Please spread the word.

Many thanks

Helena Palmer

PARISH PANTRY

Local Food Bank



We will be opening a village foodbank in St Peter & St Paul Church from Monday 18th July

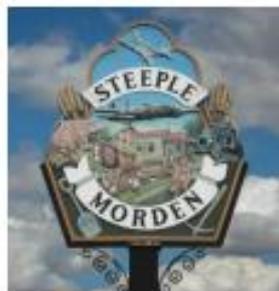
There will be Plastic boxes left in the porch of the church for people to leave their donations in or take required items.

This is open and available to all that need it, whether you don't want to waste petrol to go and buy a bag of sugar, you need a full meal to feed your self, your children, or you have no transport to get to the shops.

If you are in a position to donate items required are:

Tinned Meat, Pies, Veg, Potatoes & Fruit
Cereals
UHT Milk
Sugar
Flour
Pasta
Pasta sauces
Mug shots
Pot noodles
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Location:
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Bonfitness Pilates

French Saturday Club

Mother Goose Pre-School Santa's Magical Trail (bookings <https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/mother-goose-pre-school/santa-s-magical-christmas-trail>)

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To find out more please go to the Community page on the Website: <https://www.steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk/community>

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Denis Waitley

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