



Newsletter

Canterbury Road Primary School



Dear Parents, Carers and the extended Canterbury Road family,

Regardless of how you celebrate Christmas, if indeed you do, I think we can all agree that the community spirit and general 'warmth' that this time of year brings is joyful!

I wanted to share with you my experiences this week and why I have found such happiness in joining the Canterbury Road Family. This week, I have seen staff tirelessly rehearsing and preparing for a pantomime in which everyone was prepared to participate with the **sole desire to bring joy to the children**. Parents have shared with me the **successes that their children have had** over recent weeks, months and previous years (including returning students and parents). And I have seen the **biggest of smiles** across face, after face, after face!

It's a privilege to be a part of this community and regardless of what your 2 week holiday looks like, I hope you manage to enjoy it! **See you in 2024!**

Mr Pye

Congratulations!

Well done to everyone who took part in the end of year talent show – it takes such a huge amount of bravery to stand up and perform and it is a testament to the relationships within the school that the children feel safe and secure enough to perform! It was amazing to see the confidence and talent on show! I cannot wait 'till next year!



The new look library is now open!

Stocked with a huge amount of Accelerated Reader books, as well as a whole host of non fiction texts! A massive thank you to Miss Hayes for your tireless efforts getting it ready and a HUGE thank you to the PTFA for contributing thousands of pounds to make sure our library is stocked with the newest and most popular books out there!



Dates for the diary

02.01.23	INSET day
03.01.24	T3 starts for children
Week 1	Y3 stay safe and be healthy day
TBC	Disco
06.02.24	Safer internet day
09.02.24	Last day of T3
19.02.24	First day of T4

CLUBS

Don't forget to check your child's planner to see if they have been accepted into their chosen club!

Thank you to the staff who offer their time to deliver the clubs. A HUGE thank you to Miss Bean for organising our new club timetable, the variety is amazing and the children have had some wonderful new experiences!

Staff spotlight

Name: Nina

Favourite food: I LOVE jacket potatoes!

Least favourite food: Sea food

Hobbies: I really enjoy going to the theatre and seeing something creative!

Fun fact: I have been the staff governor for a long time now, I really enjoy supporting the school in moving forwards. We're such a great community!





Keep your eyes peeled in the new year: we will be surveying parents about a potential new afterschool child care provision!

Christmas Jumper Amnesty

Donations of unwanted Christmas Jumpers will be gratefully received! We will get them washed and we will share them with children/families who would like some help this time next year!



Christmas parties were a hit!



Thank you to the PTFA!

Toys

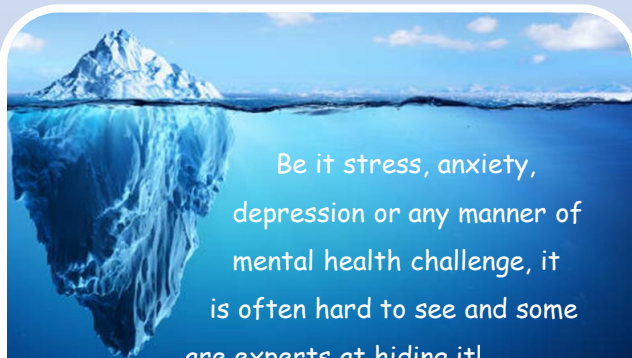
With all the amazing Christmas treats I am sure lots of the children will receive, please remember that toys stay at home. The occasional 'fidget' toy is used in school but will be provided by the school for very specific purposes.



Thank you!



Children may have told you about their 'new' maths lessons. This term, we launched a new maths curriculum and the children have been hands on with equipment and resources to support deepening their learning. It's been wonderfully received! Thanks to Miss Oxberry for your continuous efforts to make Canterbury Road the best school possible!



Be it stress, anxiety, depression or any manner of mental health challenge, it is often hard to see and some are experts at hiding it!

Please remember to be patient with one another and show kindness wherever you can. It's not always possible to see when someone else is struggling.

Be it at one time or another, we all struggle.

Food parcels

Food parcels can be available from Debbie, our FLO, please drop her a line if you feel that this may help your family.

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Parking

Please remember to park and drive considerately, particularly along school road, in order to keep our whole community as safe as possible.



SANTA!

Believe it or not, we had a very special visitor this week! The children in Years R, 1 and 2 were lucky enough to speak with and have a story read by SANTA! Their joyful faces were amazing!



Welcome to the family!



Mrs Christie will be working with Mrs Coldwell providing support for any of our pupils finding school a little tricky! Seek her out on the playground if you'd like a chat!

Miss Bruce and Mrs S are our new dream team in Year 3! They have already made an excellent impression on children and staff alike!

