

Newsletter - Autumn Term 2
Week 7

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those of you who have been asked to support with the Christmas plays by supplying costumes etc. The plays are shaping up well and we look forward to performing them next week. A reminder, the primary play is at 2pm on Wednesday 19th in the primary hall and the secondary play is at 10am in the Beecroft Theatre at The Oxford Academy. Come along to Mabel Prichard Secondary reception and we will take you across if you would like to watch the secondary play.

Wednesday 19th is also our Christmas lunch day, so we will have crackers and a lovely lunch, putting us in the Christmas spirit for the plays.

For some time, Governors and teachers have been working on a curriculum booklet giving more detail about our curriculum in addition to the bullseye, outlining what we teach and why we teach it. We have put it on our website under 'school' so you are able to read it and we welcome your comments.

Can I also remind you the academy consultation letter is on the website under 'News' with a list of frequently asked questions. Please do send any comments to governors@mabelprichard.org.

Finally, we would like to say goodbye and thank you to Jo Rose, Emma Connell and Gail Phillips, all of whom are leaving us this Christmas. We wish them all the best with their future ventures. We will welcome Kevin Larsen to teach in Post 16 and to lead KS4 and 5; Vicky Fleming to teach in KS3 Gold class and Polly Cheswick to teach in KS2 Purple class. We have also appointed Demi Williams, an experienced TA, part way through her teaching qualification, to replace Gail as the primary Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it next week at the plays (warning - the secondary production jokes are awful!)

Best wishes

Lucy

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Oxford University Research

Our school has been contacted by some researchers at the University of Oxford, who are carrying out a study into how children understand conversation. The researchers are trying to learn more about the kinds of difficulties some children have with social communication. They are inviting families of children aged between 7;0 and 14;11 years with autism or an extra X or Y chromosome (e.g. Klinefelter's Syndrome, Triple X or XYY) to get involved. Children taking part in the study will complete some fun language activities on the computer. Parents/guardians would be free to choose whether their child does this with their family at home or with one of the researchers. Families would also be asked to fill in some questionnaires and to speak with the researcher over the phone. You'll receive a £10 voucher as a thank you for participation. To ask questions, or register an interest in the study, please email alexander.wilson2@psy.ox.ac.uk

Christmas Stall at Templars Square

Thank you to everyone who supported at the Christmas Stall on Monday, we have raised £291.00.



Student of the Week

Orange: Jacob & Monzir

Blue: Oliver

Yellow: Jake

Bronze: Joshua

Gold: Libbie & Rhainna

Platinum: Tianna

Purple: Brayden

Red: Yasser

Green: Jardell

Silver: Veronica

Copper: Byron

Dates for the diary

19th December – Primary Christmas Lunch and Primary Christmas play at 2pm

19th December – Secondary Christmas Lunch

20th December – 10am - Secondary Christmas play in the Beecroft theatre at Oxford Academy

21st December – Last Day of Term. Finish at 1pm

Tuesday 8th January – School reopens for students.