



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 13th December 2019

## Sneak peek at our week

### Dates for the diary

#### DECEMBER

##### Monday 16th

Yr 1&2 Christmas concert - 9.30am  
and 2.00pm

##### Tuesday 17th

Yr 5&6 Christmas concert - 9.30am  
and 2.00pm

##### Thursday 19th

INSET DAY

##### Friday 20th - Friday 3rd

##### January

Christmas Holidays

#### JANUARY

##### Monday 6th

Children return to school

#### FEBRUARY

##### Friday 14th

INSET DAY

##### Monday 17th - Friday 21st

Half Term

#### MARCH

##### Thursday 12th

Reception Height, weight, vision &  
hearing checks

### Christmas Crackers

We are selling Christmas Crackers at the school office for 20p each. All money raised will go to Neptune Ward at Southend Hospital.

### Early Years

#### Nursery

We are so very proud of Nursery class performing to the parents/carers. We all had a wonderful time singing our lovely Christmas songs. We have also enjoyed lots Christmas activities and role play.

[REMINDER: We hope you have the most wonderful Christmas holiday; have lots of fun!](#)

#### Reception

The Reception children enjoyed putting on their lovely nativity performance; they were fantastic. Thank you to those that came along to watch. The children were very excited to have you there. We have also enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner and it was lovely to see them in their Christmas jumpers. The children have enjoyed lots of Christmas craft activities and have been very busy little elves in the run up to Christmas.

[REMINDER: We are so proud of how well the children have done in their first term of school. Enjoy the holiday period with your families; we hope you have lots of fun and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.](#)

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

The children had a lovely time celebrating Christingle at All Saints Church and really enjoyed making and learning all about Christingle traditions. We have been busy practising for our Christmas performance putting the finishing touches to the actions and songs.

[REMINDER: Please return your Book Buddy to your class teacher on Monday.](#)

#### Year 2

This week the children have been working hard to put the finishing touches on their production which is taking shape and we look forward to sharing it with you on Monday. In design and technology, the children have been designing their own packaging for a cookie they will be making next week.

[REMINDER: Over the holiday, please try to spend time with loved ones and read as regularly as you can.](#)

### Key Stage 2

#### Year 3

The children had a fantastic time performing their Christmas carol concerts for our guests. Thank you to all those who attended as well as

## Dinner menu - Week 1

### Monday

- Cheese & Tomato pizza with hand cut potato wedges
- Pasta with tomato & basil sauce or cheese sauce
- Garden peas & traditional coleslaw
- Chocolate & pear sponge with chocolate sauce

### Tuesday

- Slow cooked beef masala curry with yellow rice or a chapati bread
- Chickpea & pineapple raita wrap
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Sweetcorn & roasted cauliflower
- Ice cream

### Wednesday

- Lemon & thyme infused roasted British chicken & roast potatoes with traditional gravy
- Lentil, tomato & potato balti
- Wholemeal pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
- Roasted seasonal root vegetables & cabbage
- Apple & honey oats crumble with custard

Salad bar & freshly baked bread available daily

## Attendance Officer

We welcomed Miss Irvin to the school this week who will be working to improve the school's attendance.

those who supported the children to learn their lines at home. The children had a great time dressing up in their Christmas attire and eating their Christmas lunch.

**REMINDER:** Please remember over the holiday period to eat, be merry and read.

## Year 4

Year 4 had an amazing time performing their Christmas carol concerts for our adults. Thank you to all those who attended as well as those who supported the children to learn their lines at home. The children had a great time dressing up in their Christmas attire and eating their Christmas lunch.

**REMINDER:** Children, please remember to read lots over the holiday period and have a wonderful break!

## Year 5

In maths this week we have been using all four operations to solve word problems. In English we have been finishing our newspaper reports and have written acrostic poems about Christmas and New Year. On Wednesday we went to the church for a lovely Christingle service. The children all made their own Christingles to take with them. We have also been rehearsing for our Christmas play.

**REMINDER:** Don't forget to keep practising your songs at home.

## Year 6

The Year 6 children have been working hard rehearsing their Christmas production and are looking forward to performing it next week to their adults. The children have also been completing assessments in grammar and punctuation, English and maths and have shown how much they have learnt this term. Well done, Year 6.

**REMINDER:** Please remember to read daily and record it in your reading record.

## Music

**Cliffs Pavilion:** Well done to the choir for their performance of Christmas carols at the cliffs Pavilion on Tuesday.

**After school activities** (3-4pm): Monday, Year 2 Music Making; Choir and Porters Band will resume after Christmas

**Instrumental lessons:** These have now finished until after Christmas. There are places available to learn musical instruments. Please see Mrs Baines for details.

### Upcoming events:

Choir members from years 5 and 6 will sing at the Maranatha Care home on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## French

This week Year 1 are playing some French games involving colours; Year 3 are playing some games involving classroom objects; and Year 6 are following up their module on the 2018 World Cup with some written exercises.

