

Year 6 at the Palace!

Year 6 had a wonderful day at Kensington Palace yesterday where they serenaded the visitors with their beautiful carol singing. So many people stopped Mrs Steinart to say how beautifully they sang. We then had a fascinating workshop with Queen Victoria herself in which we learnt about Christmas in the Victorian times.



Children's Day

Thursday 20th December is Children's Day. Pupils attend school wearing their own clothes (a Christmas jumper would be fun!) and enjoy lunch that the Parents' Association will very kindly provide. The infants will have an entertainer in the morning and the juniors have a disco in the afternoon. The children always have a wonderful day, as do the parents who very kindly organise the catering and decoration of the hall! If you are helping on the day, we ask that you do not bring extra food, as we need to monitor ingredients for children with allergies. We ask for a donation of £2 per child to cover the cost of the entertainment. Please give this to the class teacher on the day.

Term Time Holidays

Please remember that the last day of term is Friday 21st December; term time holidays are not authorised. Absence from school at the end of term affects children academically and socially, and reflects badly on the school. Illness on the last or first day of term should be supported by a doctors' certificate

Infant Nativity Plays

Our infant nativity plays are on the 13th and 14th December at 2pm in the school hall. Due to limited space, the show is repeated on each day so please only attend **ONE** performance; it is unfair on others to ignore this request. When you arrive in the hall, you will see that some chairs are reserved for staff and guests. Please keep these chairs free. After the performance, the Parents' Association will kindly provide refreshments while you wait for your child to get changed into uniform again. We would really appreciate it if some junior parents could volunteer for this so that infant parents can concentrate on the performance, please contact your class rep if you can help. When the children are ready you will be asked to collect your child from the classroom, and you may also take any siblings from the juniors.

Last day of term



We ask that you please note the following points carefully:

- All classes will be registered at 1.20pm and dismissed from the hall in the usual way at 1.30pm.
- Please do not arrive early at the office, requesting for your child to leave before lunch. Afternoon absence will not be authorised.
- It is important that all families attend school for the half day. If registers show a dip in attendance, then the school may need to revert to a 3.30pm finish once again.

Junior Carol Service

On Wednesday 19th December our Junior Carol Service will take place at the Oratory Church. The service will start at 7pm, however, all children must arrive at S Joseph's hall at 6.40pm. The pupils must be clean and tidy in appearance, wearing white shirts and blazers. Duffle coats must be left with parents. At the end of the service, the children will process down the aisle, and wait with their teacher outside where you can collect them. Please let the teacher know that you are taking your child. This is a religious service, and **NO PHOTOGRAPHY IS ALLOWED**. Please ask your friends and relatives too, as unfortunately every year there are a handful of people who sadly do not respect this request and need to be reminded during the service. We would be grateful if some parents could volunteer to carry the heavy benches back to their original positions at the end of the service, please let your rep know if you can help.