



Welcome back to school. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas holiday. Thank you for the many kind messages, cards and generous gifts. Your good wishes and the staffroom treats were thoughtful and very much appreciated by everyone in school.

The children – and staff! - have returned enthusiastically and ready to crack on with their learning. Our recent INSET day was spent strengthening our curriculum, ensuring it continues to be ambitious and engaging. We were also privileged to receive training from the Diocese which focused on teaching spirituality, helping us to deepen pupils' understanding, reflection and sense of meaning as part of our Christian vision and life as a church school.

Over the holidays, the final aesthetic finishing work following the installation of new pipework in readiness for our new boiler system was completed in the hall and has made a noticeable difference to the look and feel of the space. Work will now be commencing on fitting the new boiler system, with completion expected over the next few weeks. This has been a complex project due to a required change in scope. We are now moving forward with a hybrid system and are looking forward to a reliable and efficient heating solution for the school.

Census Day On Thursday 15 January we have our school census day. This day is important as it helps determine future school funding. If your child is in Key Stage 1 we encourage you to book a school meal for that day even if your child usually has a packed lunch. Each meal taken on census day directly supports the funding we receive which in turn helps us provide resources, enrichment and support for all children across the school. If you are concerned that your child may not like the menu choice on the day you are very welcome to send a packed lunch as a back up. Children can return to their usual lunch choice the following day. Thank you for your continued support.

Uniform

We think it is great when children come to school prepared for the weather – e.g. warm coats and gloves, wellington boots when it is raining/snowy, outdoor shoes for playtimes – do remember to bring spare indoor shoes in a bag and **PLEASE label hats, coats, gloves and scarves with your child's name.**

We are proud of our school identity and wearing school uniform gives a sense of belonging to our pupils. The high standard we set in appearance is a signal to everyone of our expectations in effort, work and behaviour. Please see [here](#) to find out more about our uniform expectations. Please note that for health and safety reasons, children may wear one pair of stud earrings and a wristwatch (No watches which connect to wi-fi or are able to take photographs are permitted). Makeup may not be worn by the children.

Value Awards

We welcome your nominations for the children to receive any of our Christian Value Awards (kindness, courage, thankfulness, trust, respect and responsibility) Email Mrs Stevens via the office or use our Values Nomination Form on the website. Once the children have earned all six they then receive one of our very special Take Care badges



Feeling Proud




★ Sophie reached her 10 volunteer credit milestone at parkrun over the holidays. She also took part in the New Year 5K parkrun and ran a big PB. Well done!

★ Jake played piano before Christmas eve for over 2 hours at the care home – so appreciated by the residents. Following his integrity award last term, Jake continues to give community service.

Each morning we come together as a school for collective worship or assembly. This term our worship theme is based on the story of Daniel and how his courage and faith helped him to stand out and ‘shine like stars’ even in challenging times. Through this we will encourage pupils to be resilient and confident in who they are and to be positive role models within our school community. In the second half of term we will explore stories of people from history who also ‘shone like stars’ and brought hope to others before moving towards our Easter reflections. On Wednesdays we are joined by Rev Tim and Claire who lead our collective worship and support pupils in reflecting on themes from the Bible as part of our life as a church school.

Each week pupils also take part in a Picture News assembly where we explore current issues in an age-appropriate way helping children to understand the world around them. We also hold regular celebration assemblies to recognise achievements effort and our school values. if you would like to join us for an assembly during the week you are very welcome - 10:45 to 11:05

This week we introduced the RSPB’s **Big School Birdwatch**, encouraging children to enjoy and learn about our local wildlife. We will be out bird-spotting and surveying over the next few weeks. This national survey from the RSPB also invites families to spend an hour watching and counting birds at home or in local parks and submit sightings to help build a picture of how bird populations are doing across the UK. The family birdwatch runs from 23-25 January: info, spotter sheets etc here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Diary Dates 	
Fri 30 th Jan	Choir at Young Voices Event @ Sheffield
Wed 4 th Feb	Y5 and 6 visit to Belvoir Academy
Fri 6 th Feb	Cranmer pre-school Bingo night 7pm
Mon 9 th Feb	CAREERS WEEK starts – please get in touch if you can help!
Fri 13 th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	Return to school
Fri 27 th Feb	Y4 visit to The Workhouse, Southwell
Thur 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 27 th March	Break up for Easter
Mon 13 th April	Return to school for summer term
Wed 6 th May	Y4&5 residential to Condoover Hall, Shropshire returning on Friday 8 th May
Mon 11 th May	Y6 SATs week starts
Mon 18 th May	Y6 Residential returning on Friday 22 nd May
Fri 22 nd May	Break up for half term
Mon 1 st June	Return to school
Tue 9 th June	Class photographs
Wed 8 th July	Ks2 summer show pm & eve
Thur 9 th July	KS2 summer show eve
Fri 17 th July	Last day of term for children
Mon 20 th July	INSET Day

