



News on the Ninth

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Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to 2017 and wishing all of our families a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Last year saw several nativity plays and carol concerts.

Huge thanks to all staff involved in putting on such professional productions and to all children for their wonderful performances. Your children really are such a credit to you all.



'...Mary and Joseph...'



'...Years 3 and 4...'

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'...Years 5 and 6 at Holy Trinity Church...'

Goodbye

We sadly said goodbye to Mr Downie who has worked as a gardener, and been involved in gardening and environmental clubs over the last fifteen years.

Mr Downie Snr was delighted with his gift of a special camera lens to use when photographing wildlife. He was particularly impressed with his card, a red kite, illustrated by our very own, very talented Mrs Gallagher, Teaching Assistant in Maple Class.

We are very pleased to welcome his son, also Mr Downie (and pictured below left), to the school and hope that he too will have a long and happy association with us.



Attendance

Congratulations to Rowan Class for the best attendance in December. The top three classes for attendance, together with their percentages, were:

Class	%
Rowan	98
Monkey Puzzle	97.6
Laurel	97.4

Ten classes have achieved over 96%, which is fantastic.

Curriculum Evening

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Parents' Curriculum Evening on 19th January on the theme of phonics and spelling.

The evening will start at 6.00pm, in the Key Stage 2 hall, where the Parents' Association will kindly be providing cheese and wine for the occasion. Once again, one of our very talented parents, Lyndsay Ollard, will be singing background music accompanied by Liberato Rocco on the acoustic guitar.

At 6.30pm, Ms Potts, Mrs Barrett and I will give an overview of the evening.

Phonics and spelling workshops will then commence in the classrooms.

The event should finish at approximately 7.30pm.

We do hope that you will be able to join us all for what promises to be an informative and enjoyable evening.

Dates for your Diary

12th January – Reception classes – Height/weight screening

19th January -Parent Curriculum Evening

23rd January – Y3 Mighty Mountains

26th January – Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition

2nd February - Y5 Hertford Theatre

8th February – Y4 St Albans

27th February – Year 2 – Great Fire of London workshop

28th February - Year 6 Crucial Crew – Morgans School – pm

1st March – Nursery Closed for parent consultations

2nd March – Instrumental concert – evening

17th March – Parents Association quiz night

20th March – Y4/5 Ware Drill Hall tbc

24th March - Bring mum to school day

28th and 29th – Parent consultations

30th March – Nursery closed

30th March - School closes at 1.30pm

School reopens Wednesday 19th April