

# Newsletter

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**A**s we head towards the end of this busy term, we are reflecting upon the progress the children have made. With the introduction of Accelerated Reader, we are already seeing many children making strong expected progress and engaging with the quizzes. As a result, Teachers are encouraging children to choose increasingly difficult texts, which will challenge the children's levels of comprehension.

This week we have received training on "Times Tables Rockstars". This will support and enhance our Maths Curriculum within School, particularly the development of fluency in recall of number facts. From 2020 the Government is introducing a statutory Times Table check for all Year 4 children. This web based software will support us in ensuring that the children are able to pass this screening check. The children will be able to log in both in school and home, and further information will be coming out next week in the form of a letter which will include passwords for the children's login. The children will be bringing home a letter next week which gives more details of this.

## Christmas Fair

Last Friday's Christmas Fair was a fantastic success. Miss Oakham, headed up the team this year and I am sure you will agree there were lots of activities for the children to participate in. The highlight for me was definitely the Year 4 demonstration on the steel pans. Thank you to all families who came along to support this event. As a result we raised in excess of £2,000 which is yet to be Match Funded. This means that we now have now raised enough money to purchase our own set of steel drums. Thank you to the Staff and Parents who supported the evening, both in terms of preparations before the event and also manning stalls at the Fair itself. It was lovely to see the community of Speenhamland coming together as a team to benefit the children.

## Choir

The Choir has a busy schedule at the moment rehearsing for the Newbury Academy Trust Winter concert. However, they managed to squeeze in a performance at WBC Hospital on Wednesday afternoon when they sang carols in the foyer and also to some patients in Donnington Ward. The choir sang beautifully and some of the patients even joined in with the singing. Well done choir.



## Christmas Cards

The Post Box is now in Reception for your Christmas cards. Please ensure the Name and Class is written on the front. The box will be emptied daily and delivered to Classes.

## Clubs

Please note that ALL clubs have now finished for this term. I hope your child enjoyed the taking part.

## Menu Changes From Cook

- 13-12-18 Quorn Frankfurters as well as Quorn Sausages  
13-12-18 Pudding will be Vanilla Ice Cream  
18-12-18 Pudding will be Vanilla Ice Cream

## Masterchef

Last week our four budding chefs represented Speenhamland at the Trinity Excel Schools Masterchef Final. They showed great culinary abilities and independence, particularly given the difficulty of the task given. Here is a report from two of our pupils:

*On 24 November, four Year 6 represented the school by cooking at the interschool Masterchef competition. We had only practised a few times but we were ready to perform at our best. There were five other schools competing. We made a Butternut Squash and Turkey Bake served with tender stem broccoli and a splash of balsamic vinegar. Grace and Chloe made our pudding which was a Berry Chia Trifle and Festive Orange Zest Shortbread. Once we had got it all out we had to work on our presentation before we served it to the four judges. Firstly, the Judges assessed our dish by looks. Mine and Swathi's main was tasted and they reported that there was a balance of flavours and elements that brought the dish together. We also had other nice comments like it was hearty and warming. Sadly we didn't manage to win because Whiteland's School came out as the victors but we had lots of fun though.*

**By Swathi Sivabalan and Lucas Mercer—Class 11**

## PTA News



### Fayre

Thank you for all your support with the Christmas Fayre. It was a great evening and a huge success. We are pleased to announce that we now have raised enough funds to buy our own set of steel drums. Yay!

### Colour Competition

The colouring competition winners have been announced today in Assembly. The Winners are as follows:

- EYFS Isabel Fisher
- Year 1 and Year 2 Grace Stinson
- Year 3 and Year 4 Lilly Clancy
- Year 5 and Year 6 Aiana Popa

Well done to Bella Brown, Poppy Bradfield and Bluebell Bradfield for achieving Headteacher's Recognition Award for not only drawing a gingerbread house but also baking one!

### Cards

The Christmas cards have all gone out. Thank you for so many orders. They all looked great.

## Diary Dates



- 12-12-18 Nativity 9.30 am  
12-12-18 Christmas Lunch  
13-12-18 Nativity 2 pm  
13-12-18 Winter Concert at Trinity School 7 pm

- 14-12-18 Whole School to Corn Exchange for  
Pantomime (details to follow)  
19-12-18 Christmas Jumper Day  
School Closes at 12 Noon—Dragon  
Club closes at 3 pm  
08-01-19 Pupils Return