



FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has already been a busy one! The children have been talking enthusiastically about their Topics and I have been very impressed with how the children have presented their work in such creative and original ways. Also, it has been delightful to see just how much effort and hard work the children have put into their books this term. I often spend time looking through children's books and I am extremely proud of all their achievements so far.

We are also preparing for our festive celebrations at the end of the term and we look forward to seeing you in school to enjoy the performances the children will take part in.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Miss Claff

Key Dates

Monday 9th December 2019 : Reception Carol concert 9.30am and 2.30pm

Bluebird and Swan 9.30am Starling and Flamingo 2.30pm

Wednesday 11th December 2019: Phoenix Winter Fair at 3.30pm until 5.30pm

Friday 13th December 2019: Year 2 Christmas Performance at 9.30am and 2.30pm

Monday 16th December 2019 : Year 1 Carol concert 2.30pm

Tuesday 18th December 2019: Year 3 and Year 5 Carol concert 9.30am

Year 4 and Year 6 Carol concert 2.30pm

Thursday 19th December 2019: End of term-Children to be collected at 2pm

Monday 6th January 2020: Children return to school

Please ensure that you arrive on time for the performance



Fix a Bike Workshop

The FIX A BIKE workshop in Year 5 was a great success!

The workshop aimed to teach children general bike maintenance including safety checks, puncture repairs and how to keep your bike in good condition.

This practical course enabled the children to work on their own bikes as well as the demonstration bikes. The course leaders were exceptionally impressed with the children's positive attitude to learning and their enthusiasm to ask questions about bike maintenance and road safety.

Mobile Phones in School

All parents are reminded that mobile phones should not be used in school and personal cameras and phone cameras should not be used to take pictures of children at any time, but especially during performances. Mobile phones should not be used by adults accompanying children on school trips unless in an emergency.

All children who bring mobile phones into school should hand them into the class teacher before registration for safe keeping. Phones will then be returned at the end of the day. Should parents need to contact pupils or vice versa during the school day, this should be done via the usual school procedure of contacting the school office via phone or email.

Year 1: Southwark Cathedral Visit

Year 1 had the opportunity to visit Southwark Cathedral to learn about Advent.

The church is the oldest Gothic church building in London. As part of their visit, the children made candle holders, drew pictures showing parts of the Christmas story and had the opportunity to explore inside the cathedral.



Nursey: Southwark Park Visit

As part of Nursey's 'Bear' topic, the children went on a bear hunt to Southwark Park. Whilst on the nature walk, the children had the opportunity to feed the birds, collect leaves and discuss seasonal changes. Unfortunately, on this occasion, the children didn't manage to find any bears!

Maths

It has been an exciting time for the Year 5 Maths Team this term. 68 girls (teams of 4 from each school) came together at Greenwich University, to explore competitive maths challenges and to enjoy a Q&A session with Dr Sophie Carr, winner of Most interesting Mathematician Award. Phoenix Primary School was awarded the prize for Best Visual Representations & Tools used in a mathematical challenge.



Year 2: Sea Life Aquarium Trip

As part of their Arctic and Antarctica topic, Year 2 visited the sea life aquarium to observe the penguins. The children got to ask penguin keeper questions and he shared some amazing facts about the penguins diet and natural habitat.