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**18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### Newsletter 5

Dear Parents,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....for sure!  
How thrilled we were to be in the top 24 schools for this competition. As we always say, small is beautiful, and as long as we think big we will continue to let our light shine in as many ways as possible. Only today I heard a small group of children singing the song with our Newdigate words as they walked down the corridor; what a delight!

As usual this is a frantic but magical time of year with so many fun and enjoyable events already done before our Christmas break:

- ✓ Glorious 'natural' hoops decorating our hall
- ✓ A packed out and buzzing Christmas Fair
- ✓ Amazing nativity performances
- ✓ Fun-packed Christmas parties
- ✓ A beautiful Christingle family service
- ✓ A mesmerising theatre production of **'Star in the Jar'** – thank you FONS!
- ✓ A delicious Christmas meal

...and still 2 days left to go!

A huge thanks to all of our families for your support. You are a valued part of our school community and we couldn't do these things without you.

#### Christingles

We had a well-oiled Christingle production line in Badger's Den thanks to our fabulous grandparent helpers; we really appreciate your help and involvement in this special event.

#### Newdigate Pre-School

Below is a link to the Ofsted report for Newdigate pre-school following their inspection earlier this term. We wanted to say well done to the team for their amazing work that has been recognised and acknowledged under the new framework. Here are just a few snippets from the report that highlight the positive ethos and approaches being used:

- ✓ The new managers are determined to provide a rich learning environment for all children, which is a vision they share equally with their staff team.
- ✓ Staff provide exciting activities that support children's emerging interests.
- ✓ Children are eager to explore and investigate their surroundings as staff provide a stimulating outdoor environment.
- ✓ Staff sensitively support children to extend their play as they talk to them about what they are doing.
- ✓ Children happily express their excitement
- ✓ Managers have implemented a range of new initiatives to support children to manage their own behaviour.
- ✓ Children are kind, respectful and use good manners. Managers provide opportunities for children to learn about the world around them.
- ✓ The managers are keen and passionate. They have a drive for improvement and are evaluating their practice well. They have recognised from their observations the need to adapt the environment to ensure children are highly engaged.
- ✓ Managers enthusiastically work alongside their staff, supporting practice. They know their staff well and have supervisions in place to improve professional development. Staff offer praise and encouragement well.
- ✓ Children are happy and settled, and have formed strong relationships with the staff.
- ✓ Children adopt positive attitudes towards learning as they have a go at activities.
- ✓ Staff nurture children's language skills well, providing a narrative as they play.
- ✓ As staff play alongside the children, they use effective questions to sustain children's motivation to learn.
- ✓ Parents talk highly of the preschool. They are kept well informed through an electronic communication system, regular discussions and newsletters. This supports parents to extend their child's learning at home.

Within the report there are clear development points that the team had already identified and we look forward to working collaboratively with them from January to drive forward these improvements.

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50130092>

#### Admission application deadlines

Just a reminder that the deadline for the submission of applications for Year R and Year 3 places next academic year is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Please promote us to any families who are in the process of deciding and encourage them to choose our wonderful infant school, a special place where children can grow and learn!

Have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas holiday with your family.

**The leadership team**

**Dates for next year:**

<p><b>Our value for this half-term is peace.</b></p> <p><i>Psalm 34:14 'Seek peace and pursue it'</i></p>  <p><b>We seek to make a peaceful school and world.</b></p>	<p><b>Our value next half-term is trust.</b></p> <p><i>Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart</i></p>  <p><b>We put our trust in each other.</b></p>
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