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**Autumn Term 2025**

**Parent Bulletin No. 14**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Reward Assembly**

There will be no Reward Assembly next week. As usual, the children in Reception will be receiving their certificates in class. Congratulations to the following children:

Frog Class: Learner – Ahyan Hussain  
Citizen – Emerald Osei

Newt Class: Learner – Thea Foote  
Citizen – Dilara Koch

**Counting Day: Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Half**

The House Captains have helped to count all the House Points awarded to the children over the past half term. All the teams have done really well and the result was very close!

These are the results of the count:

House	Points awarded
Andrews (Yellow)	1857
Anning (Green)	1831
Scott (Red)	1807
Tull (Blue)	1859

Congratulations to **Blue House** who received the most house points this half term. As their reward, all children in **Blue House only** will be allowed to wear **non-uniform on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Parking**

Please would parents/carers be reminded of the need for extreme caution when driving and parking near to the school. Please be aware of the safety of pedestrians, many of whom are children walking unaccompanied to and from school, and please show consideration and courtesy towards our neighbours, many of whom are elderly, when parking near their homes.

We are grateful to the drivers who are mindful of safety and also the appearance of the local environment by not parking on pavements and grass verges.



### **Lost Property**

All items in the lost property box will be displayed on tables in the hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week after school. Please come and collect any items which may belong to you, as any unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term. Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly named, as it is such a shame that so many jumpers etc. cannot be returned to their owners.

### **Request from Year 5**

If you're having a sort out of school uniform over the holiday, Year 5 would like to recycle white polo shirts (with or without the school logo) for an art activity. We also need lots of clothes hangers (for children's shirts). If you have any spare that you wouldn't mind us having that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

### **Reminder: Christingle**

Our annual Christingle Service will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember to send in an orange for your child to use when making their Christingle. Anyone with long hair will need to wear it tied up in a bun or tight plaits and no hairspray is to be used.

### **Reading Chronicle Toys and Teens Appeal**

The toys and items you kindly donated were collected from the school this week. The Chronicle staff have asked me to thank you on their behalf for another wonderfully large collection for those children and young adults in need at this time of year. Thank you very much for your support for this appeal.

### **Foodbank donations**

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items for our foodbank collection. We are very grateful.

### **Waitrose Photography Competition**

Huge congratulations to our Waitrose Photography competition winners! Well done to: Samuel Cosgrove, Hugo Cosgrove, Sebastian Ward, Nevaeh Rey, Layney-Oshun Rey, Jahmarley Rey, Jacob Lanes, Alice Everett and Leon Eldin! We hope that you get a chance to see their artwork in the Cafe!

### **Waitrose Art Competition**

We are also delighted to announce that Birch Copse has produced 3 pieces of collaborative winter art for the Waitrose Cafe. Congratulations to Cody Sheppard, Edith Turner, George Jenkins, Kiara Prakash Sundar, Grace Parnell, Luca Bryant, Jocelyn Jukes, Aaryan Patel, Eloise Heath, Rocko Thomas, Phoebe Allum and Lacey-Bow Norris-Taylor. We hope you get a chance to visit the Cafe and see their work up!

### **End of Term**

A reminder that next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December will be our last day in school before the Christmas break and that school finishes at **2pm**, (as is our usual practice at the end of every full term). The Breakfast and After School Club will finish at **5pm**.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Micklewhite