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School Aims

We aim to nurture confident, responsible learners who know how to keep safe; and to remain significantly above borough and national averages in attainment.

Upcoming Events

- **INSET DAY**—Wednesday 3rd January
- **BACK TO SCHOOL**—Thursday 4th January
- **Year 1 Swimming Starts**—Monday 8th January
- **Building Update Meeting for Parents**—Monday 8th January 3.30pm
- **New Parent Tour**—Tuesday 9th January
- **Richmond Fire Station Visit (Marsh)** - Tuesday 16th January
- **Movie Night**—Monday 22nd January
- **Bag 2 School Collection**—Monday 29th January
- **PTA School Disco**—Thursday 8th February
- **Last day of half term**—Friday 9th February
- **Return to school**—Monday 19th February
- **Parents Evenings**—13th and 14th March
- **Singing Festival (Choir)** - Wednesday 21st March
- **Last Day of Spring Term**—Thursday 29th March

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We've made it to the end of a very long and busy term with hopefully still a little bit of energy left to fully enjoy the festive season. Well done everyone!

The last two weeks really have been busy and exciting and it has been wonderful to see so many of you at the various events held—particularly at our performance of 'Follow The Star' this week—weren't the children fabulous?

I just wanted to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and championing of the school and I know that 2018 is going to be a very exciting year as we see our brand new building starting to be built.

On behalf of all of the staff, thank you for your kind gifts and we all wish each and every one of you an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Alison Colenso

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Staff Auction of Promises

And the winners are;

1. **Original Mr Macwilliam superhero portrait** - Rhaea (Marsh)
2. **Ceramics Café with Mrs Bracegirdle** — Ates/Demir/Ayse (Marsh)
3. **Babysitting by Mrs Colenso**— Hanan (Roe)
4. **Box of Welsh Treats from Miss Ballantine**—Hanan (Roe)
5. **3 jars of vanilla fudge from Beryl**— Eoin (Marsh)
6. **Christmas treats from Miss Mclellan**—Charlotte (Fawn)
7. **Mrs Khurana's homemade veg curry**—Georgina and Rory (Marsh and Fawn)
8. **Flight in Miss Frost's Dad's light aircraft**—Calum (Marsh)
9. **Mrs Kisby's Christmas Sponge**—Eoin (Marsh)

An enormous thank you to everyone who bidden—all of the children will benefit as you have raised an amazing

£595.33 for the PTA!



SAAG—School Allergy Action Group

Would you like to get involved?

We have a number of children at Deer Park with a range of allergies and rather than declare ourselves 'nut-free' or create an environment that is unrepresentative of the real world, we have decided to continue on our journey to be an 'Allergy Aware' school by forming the SAAG—not a yummy curry unfortunately, but the School Allergy Action Group. We are looking for one more parent to join us and represent other parents with children who **don't** have an allergy. It is only through understanding all the different views that we can make our school a safe and inclusive environment. The group will aim to meet once a term and will consist of parents of children with and without allergies, a child with allergies, a child without allergies, the headteacher and occasionally the school nurse and a member of the governing body. If you would be interested in joining the group and are a parent of a child without allergies, then please do get in touch with Mrs Colenso.

Happy Hanukkah!



An enormous thank you to Ynaelle's dad Jonathan for visiting us this week and showing us a real Menorah and dreidel and sharing the story behind the Jewish festival of Hanukkah

Thank You

An enormous thank you from all of the staff for your very kind gifts. These are very much appreciated, but absolutely not expected as your children provide us with all the thanks we need!

Crib Service at St Johns

Many thanks to St John the Divine for sharing the story of Christmas with us. It was lovely that so many parents could join us and that the children could experience the story in a real church.



Parenting groups spring term 2018

Parenting groups are available for all parents/carers living in the boroughs of Richmond and Kingston. Visit the AfC info website for more information: <https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/parenting-support/achieving-for-children-parenting-programme>

Attendance

An enormous well done to Florence, Amber, Alex Bell, Eoin, Ollie, Tara, Vanya, Isabelle C, Buster, Bea, Rhaea, Natasha, Georgina, Rory, Zach and Elise who have each achieved 100% attendance for the whole term!

Week Commencing	Fawn	Roe	Marsh
11.12.17	91%	95%	100%
18.12.17	89%	92%	93%

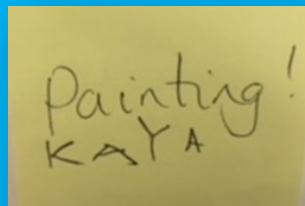
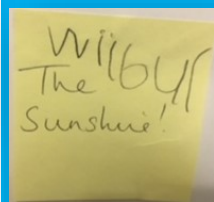
Mrs Bracegirdle

Hanukkah (achievement) and Christmas (happiness)



We have been learning all about the festival Hanukkah and were very lucky that Ynaelle's dad was happy to come and speak to us about it. He bought in a menorah and explained to the children about why and how Jews celebrate this festival. During the week the children, as a class, had to set targets for them all to try and achieve, for example, lining up quietly at the end of break. If they succeeded then they could colour in the candle on their menorah.

The levels of happiness have been on the up as we approach Christmas. The children have all been delightful and are getting very excited about approaching holidays. Over the week they have been thinking about the things that have made them happy during the Autumn Term at school. Painting, friends and sunshine are some of the things that have made the children in Fawn class happy this term.



Golden Tie

Alexia in Fawn Class was awarded the last Golden Tie of 2017 for being so keen

and enthusiastic about everything that we have done in Fawn Class from the beginning of term. She is a lovely friend to others and very caring and sensitive. She is the first to look after someone when they are upset and all the children are very excited when they find out that they are her learning partner that week. She works hard with Miss Mclellan and Miss Susie and is kept very busy but she does not complain! She has shown progress in lots of areas and in particular with her speaking and sharing.

An enormous well done to Alexia. The Golden Tie will be awarded again when we return in January.



Stars of the Week!



Week Commencing	Fawn	Roe	Marsh
11.12.17	Alex B	Lily	Alfie-Emil
18.12.17	Monsieur Baa Baa on holiday!	Sophia	Mr Elk on holiday!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday!

The Deer Park Team

Merry Christmas



Mr Elk has been to the Dentist and the Vet and has a clean bill of health—thank you Alfie –Emil and big brother Jack!

Christmas lunch and Tudor banquets and of course our wonderful nativity have been the highlights over the last couple of weeks!





News from your PTA



it's Christmas...

..and it's been an amazing first term with some fabulous events, new friends made, lots of money raised and, the thing that makes us really happy, donations made to the school. Thank you to EVERY-ONE who has supported the PTA by organising, volunteering, spending, partying and smiling. We are incredibly lucky to be part of such an amazing school community.

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Thursday 7th December

Dear PTA,

We would like to buy some games so we can play with them. We would like to play with them at golden time and when it is raining. The games we would like are dominoes, snakes and ladders, ludo, chequers, Chinese chequers, connect 4, guess who and shut the box. Can we get £216 so we can buy games for all the classes.

All the children will be excited.

Thank you for riding are letar.

from Ben Lisset

Jess Royce
Jia Hao Holly

It's been a busy time of year.....

I am sure you've noticed that it's been a very busy time at Deer Park School! MASSIVE thanks to the parents for keeping on top of everything and continuing to support the school and the PTA.

Christmas events have earned

over £1,000!!!



Rudolph Cards £206

Nativity Drinks £257

Staff Auction £595

(The Christmas Party broke even as planned)

Donations

The PTA has donated over £600 to the school this term.

Nativity Costumes £385

..and the school council sent us a lovely letter requesting games for their classrooms.

Classroom Games £216

PTA EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon 22 Jan	Kids Movie Night, at school
Fri 26 & Mon 29 Jan	Bags 2 School to be returned
Thurs 8 Feb	Kids Disco, Oddfellows Hall, TW9

Don't forget to Easy Fundraise

When you are spending don't forget to shop through the easyfundraising App or activate the donation on your PC.

If you haven't signed up then just click the Big E!



Have a look at our Website	: www.deerparkschool.org.uk/our-PTA/
Join our Private Facebook Group	: www.facebook.com/groups/1619986234993338/
Sign up to receive PTA emails	: http://eepurl.com/c6hL1n
Email the PTA	: deerparkschoolpta@gmail.com

Christmas party fun



School leadership.....



The PTA Committee (minus 2)

Post Nativity Snacks

