

## Captain's Close Newsletter

20th November 2015

### **Hello Everyone**

It's been wonderful to see so many of you in different events. Our Condoval feedback session was great fun and I hope you remember to send your evaluations in. Parents' evenings were very well attended and we really appreciate all your feedback. With the changes to assessment we will keep offering updates throughout this year. I know Mrs Chapman and Mr Pearce are planning a SATs session to update you on the changes to tests and expectations. We try to balance the events across the day depending on purpose but also in line with the capacity we have as a staff to offer them. Next week we have a Writing party (Monday 9:00am) and this is specifically to work with the children-we're looking forward to seeing you. After Christmas we have Steve Harris joining us to talk about developing resilience and the work we do in school to support children's independence. This will start at 5:30pm, so will offer an evening session.

Thankyou for all your support

### **Homework**

This is always an area of great interest. We try to balance some activities where children can choose how to present with more formalised learning. Key Stage 2 have had challenges to the start of this year because we have been waiting for book orders to arrive. This should be addressed this week...please bear with us-I can assure you the children are working hard and that the teachers move the learning on from the homework even if this is not as visible as we would like it to be at the moment. As Mr Pearce is away ill this week, Eagles may catch up next week! If you ever feel you would like to do more with your child at home, please make use of all the online opportunities we offer, explore reading across a range of different texts, encourage writing for a purpose, or just enjoy some of those old fashioned games: Hangman, battleships, Sudoku, consequences (great one for sentence writing and using description). There are many links on our website that help support you and your child.

### **FOACC - Events**

Hello from the FOACC Team!

Please see details of our planned events running up to Christmas!

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November - CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY**

Children can wear their Christmas Fancy Dress Outfits/Jumpers or Tops to School in exchange for Tombola and Raffle prizes for the Christmas Fete. We are looking for donations of Wine! (For the Wine & Water Stall), Empty Chinese Take Away containers (for the Box of Delights), sweets and any other suitable prizes.

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### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON & VICTORIAN MARKET

This year we have decided to run a Cake Stall at the Victorian Market in the Market Place in Melton. This will take place from 10am until 8pm. We are looking for any volunteers to help make and sell cakes on the day. Please contact either Sara Groom or Sara Potts if you can help or come along and support us!

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December - CHRISTMAS FETE

The School Christmas Fete will take place in the School Hall from 3.15pm until 5pm. There will be various games for you to play, Tombola, Wine & Water Stall, Glitter Tattoos, Box of Delights, Christmas Hamper Raffle, make you own Reindeer food and of course Santa's Grotto. Tickets for this will go on sale week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November, please look out for more details on the Notice Boards over the next few weeks!

If you want to get involved with any of these events or be part of the FOACC Team, please contact Sara Groom or Sara Potts for more details. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Dress up day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 attend the lights switch on/FOACC Stall
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 performance
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 performance
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner day/Christmas Fete
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Carols 9am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	DSAT Panto at Mowmacre
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school panto trip
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School finishes for Christmas

Captains Close subscribes to three educational sites that can be accessed by the pupils out of school hours. They are Education City, Bug Club (Active Learn) and My Maths. If your child is in Y1 or Y2 they will have their individual logins for each of these sites on the front cover of their planners. YR (Owls) are introduced to these sites during school time initially with logins being issued for out of school use when it is deemed appropriate. However Owls can log onto the Educational City site out of hours by using the class login (username **barn**, password **owls**, country **England**) if you wish to explore the site with your child.

My Maths and Educational City both require Adobe Flash player which is commonly installed on desktops and laptops but not on tablets and iPad. If you are experiencing problems, download the Puffin Academy app which allows the use of Flash on the listed sites. Accessing the sites this way you will be able to run the activities properly.

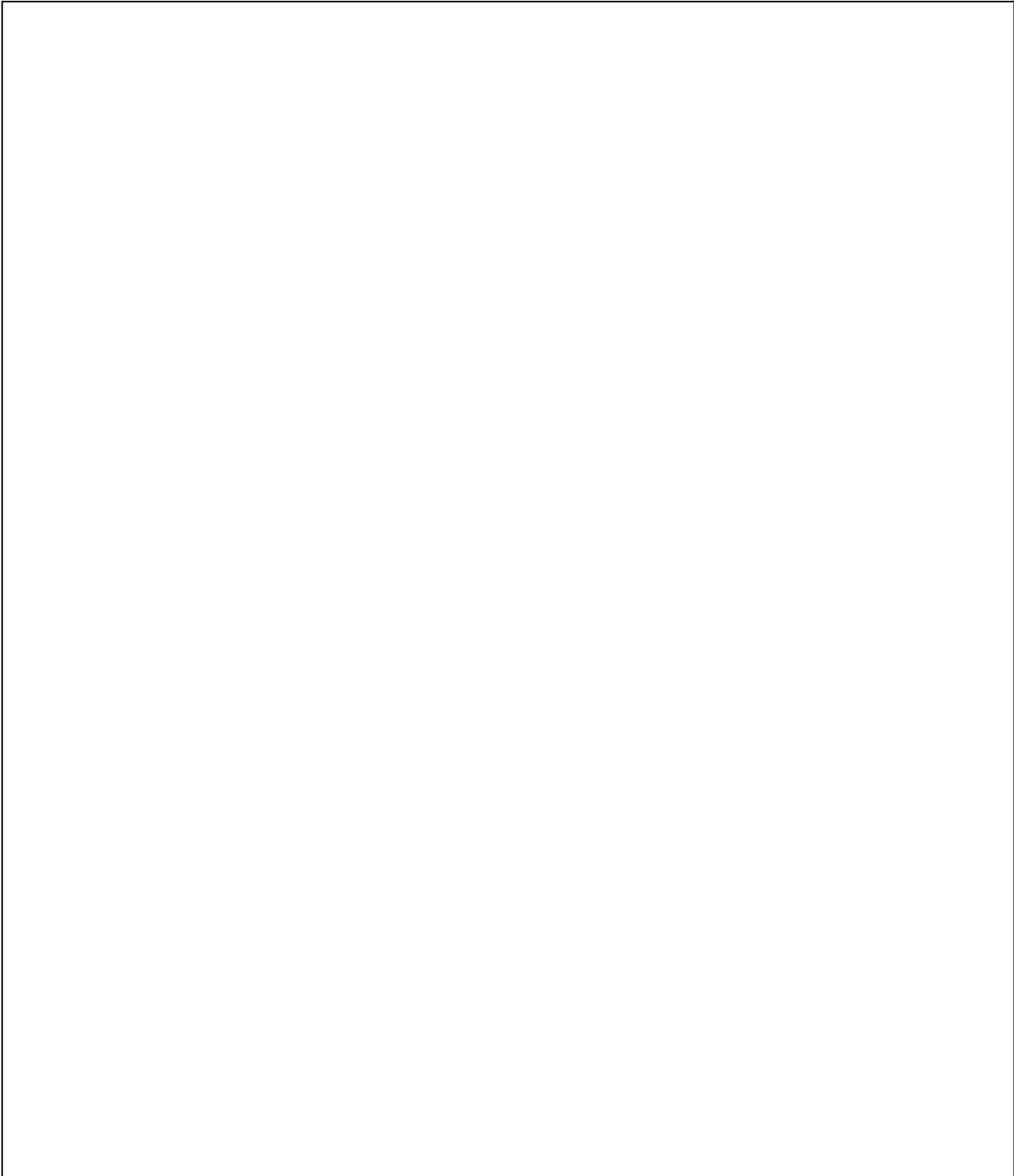
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Care for everyone and everything  
Show good manners at all times



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