



## Dear parents and carers,

There is certainly a Christmas feel about school now especially as the post box is out and open for Christmas card deliveries. We make the delivery straight after lunch so putting the cards in the box on the way into school should ensure a same day delivery service.

KCC have asked the school to update the school travel plan which includes a hands up class travel survey. It will come as no surprise that 76% of the children said that they travel to school by car.

However what may be more surprising is that only 16% said that arriving by car was their ideal way of traveling to school. The children would much rather scoot or skate 39% and cycle 26%. Walking came in at 19%.

Whatever the children's wishes the convenience of the car as a way of getting to school is, it seems, here to stay. Now that the weather is colder, wetter, foggier etc and parents are even busier with hectic preparations I am asking everyone to take greater care when driving and parking around the roads near to the school. So some top tips:

- \* Reduce your speed so that you have more time to react to the traffic situation.
- \* Think about the affect your parking will have on other road users and on pedestrians crossing the road.
- \* Leave home 10 minutes earlier so that you are not rushing.
- \* Leave driveways clear, particularly our immediate neighbours.
- \* Parking on the zig zag lines is prohibited between  
8:30am—9:30am and 2:30pm and 5:00pm
- \* If there is a problem be polite to each other. Aggressive behaviour is frightening for children and inappropriate near a school.

To reduce the number of cars please try to:

- \* Park at the village hall and walk to school
- \* Set up a car share between families

I am very grateful to parents who always park responsibly and consider others. However, we also have to be honest with ourselves and if you are a parent who could be more considerate think how this could be achieved. If you use a childminder to pick up and drop off or grandparents/relatives please make them aware of this letter. I would love to widen the road, have a larger car park, build speed bumps, reduce the speed limit to 20 miles an hour but I can't. Therefore the children and I and are relying on you to keep them and each other safe.

No one would like to be responsible for a road traffic incident happening outside our school at any time of the year or having to live with the consequences for the rest of their lives. So in the words of our golden rules:

"Take responsibility for your words and actions."

*Sheila Dunk* Head of School

## Attendance Winners of the Week!

### Cherry & Beech Class



Change to PE dates

From the start of term 3 some PE days will be changing. Please note these on the calendar as a reminder.

Maple – Monday and Thursday

Cherry – Tuesday and Friday

Beech – Thursday and Friday ( swimming)

Chestnut—Wednesday and Friday

**Swimming, swimming, in the swimming pool...**A huge well done to Chestnut Class last week for their tremendous effort in the distance swim. Nearly all children increased the distance that they swam, some children managed to double, triple and quadruple the distance from last year. Congratulations to the 6 year 6 children who achieved 5,000m or more .

## Has your child lost some clothing?

If your child has lost some clothing this term please check the fence near to the girls toilets. There are a number of jumpers etc hanging up hoping that they will be claimed and taken back to their family this Christmas. Please check as they will be disposed of at the end of the term.

TOP TIP: Please name clothing then we can return it to the owner .



Don't forget our **Christmas Disco** is next Friday. Tickets are £1.50 and include a drink and crisps.

Yrs R—3 5.30—7pm

Yrs 4-6 7—9pm

Please purchase your ticket from the school office after school. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

**Weds 14th Dec, Christmas Lunch**

**Fri 16th Dec, Nativity, Village Hall & School Disco**

**Mon 19th Dec, Bring an orange to school day!**

**Tues 20th Dec, Class Party day (food list out on Mon)**

**Weds 21st Dec, Christingle Service, 2.15pm, Church**

**Weds 21st Dec, End of Term**

**3rd & 4th January 2017, Inset Day**

**Thurs 5th Jan, Start of Term 4**

**Mon 13 Feb, Half Term**