



Newsletter 16
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Dear Parents,

A Happy New Year to you all. It was wonderful to welcome the children back after the Christmas break in very good spirits, with lots of tales of their celebrations. A special thank you to Year 5 who led our Epiphany Mass so beautifully on Wednesday. Father Brian celebrated the Mass and it was lovely to see many parents and family there with us.

Dacorum Mayor visit

We were delighted to have Dacorum's Mayor visiting the school today. Mayor Douris spoke to the whole school during our Assembly and then spent time answering some very good questions from



Year 5. His Chain of Office was of particular interest, depicting Henry VIII due to his links with the area. Each link has the name of past Mayors. Mayor Douris talked about his role and duties in Dacorum. He is pictured above with the School Council and below with Year 5.



RAH Gala Concert in March

We had fantastic news today that all our Year 6s and Year 5s in the orchestra who expressed a wish to take part in Hertfordshire Music School's Gala concert at the Royal Albert Hall have been accepted. We will be taking 26 pupils on March 8th for the evening performance. Those children will be coming home with a letter today and a reminder to book tickets on Monday morning if you wish to be in the audience. I am told that tickets sell out fast.

Headteacher Awards

Taylor Jones (5 Mandela) – for great use of the bus stop method of division.

Oscar Liddle, Maja Kelly, James Sweeney and Aoife Jones (4 Attenborough) – for great work on times table and moving on to the 100 club.

Citizenship Stars

Poppy Morton (4A) – for acts of kindness and displaying such a generosity to others.

Enola Steeden (5E) – for baking mince pies for the elderly in the community

Rock Stars

We are introducing a school wide online times table challenge called Rock Stars. It is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. It can be played online or paper versions can be printed out. Online, each child creates their own character and is able to collect coins and rewards for their character the more times they play. Children move up the rock star ladder the faster they answer the questions. To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds! You can play online or download as an app.

SATs meeting for Year 6 parents

All Year 6 parents are invited to an information evening for your child's forthcoming SATs on Thursday evening at 7pm.

Violin Lessons

Please be aware that for this term, violin lessons will be on a Thursday. There will be no lessons this week (16th) but they will be weekly following that.

Reminders for the coming week

Shakespeare Week – all classes will be having a half day workshop

Father Brian is visiting school on Wednesday

Swimming starts for Year 4 this Thursday

SATs Information meeting on Thursday, 7pm

A full programme of after-school clubs

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith

Head Teacher