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**Future Academies Primary Schools**  
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## Newsletter

December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at the end of our very successful Autumn Term. Over the last months, we have had a new library installed, been swimming weekly and visited: the theatre, House of Parliament, Tower of London, the Science Museum, Pizza Express and Wagamamas! We have also had many visitors come to us to see our excellent practice, such as leaders of education from Singapore's Institute of Education.

### Christmas Jumper Day and the Pantomime

On Wednesday 13th December, we invite all children to wear Christmas/Winter themed jumpers. We ask that those who participate, donate £1.

Children should bring their £1 coin into school on the day. Funds will go towards paying for the production of 'A Selfish Giant' which is visiting us on the last day of term: the theatre is coming to us!



Please wear normal school shoes and trousers or skirts with your Christmas Winter jumpers.

### Our New PTA

How wonderful to have so many volunteers for our new PTA! Thank you to everyone who came along to the first meeting. If you couldn't make it, you are still more than welcome to be involved. Gemma Doyle, who has informally had the role already, kindly volunteered to lead the group. Her fantastic organisational skills will be put to good use! The PTA's first event is our **Winter Fair on Monday 11th December from 3.30pm to 4.20pm**. We will be raising money to improve the school playground. Please see the posters and our Twitter account for more information!

### School Tours

School Tours will now run every Tuesday at 11am. They are largely for new parents but please feel free to join us to see what is going on in school! Please sign up at the School Office.

Yours sincerely,

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## School Council

Thank you to everyone who took part in our School Council logo competition - we enjoyed looking at all of your designs. We are happy to announce that the winner of the competition is Nawaf, in Year One.

The representatives in school council thoroughly enjoyed Nawaf's design. We thought that it represented the values of our School Council - Responsibility, Reliability, Inclusiveness and Teamwork.

We particularly liked the detail that went into drawing the school building, as well as the uniforms which the children are wearing! We also noticed that his globe and the location of the continents were clearly represented.



## End of Term In-School Theatre Production

Our Christmas Jumper day on Wednesday 13th December, will help to fund the theatre production of the Selfish Giant on Friday 15th December:

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# The Selfish Giant

A PARTICIPATION MUSICAL FOR ALL AGES



This wonderful production is one of a series of participation musicals created by Image Musical Theatre for all the family. The show itself is preceded by a rehearsal workshop where some of the children are chosen to take part in the show while the remainder of the audience are rehearsed into four chorus songs.

Image Musical Theatre has an excellent reputation for producing work that is stimulating and entertaining while maintaining very high production values.



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## E-Safety Tips of the Month: Musical.ly



**musical.ly**

Musical.ly is a free social network app popular for viewing and creating short music videos, known as 'Musical.ly's'. Children can select a song from thousands available on the app and record themselves singing, lip-syncing (miming) or dancing along to their chosen song. One of the aims of Musical.ly is to create your own following or fan base. Musical.ly includes 'coins' and virtual gifts that users can give to other users in order to increase their popularity. Videos can be up to one minute long and users are able to edit them using a range of filters. Once recorded, videos can be shared via other social networking apps, such as WhatsApp or Facebook.

### What age should users be?

Musical.ly's age restrictions within their terms of service are unclear. They state that the service is "**not for anyone under the age of 13** but that by using the service, the user affirms that they are 18 years of age or have been authorised to use the service by a parent or guardian".

### Direct.ly and Live.ly

Direct.ly is a direct messaging function within Musical.ly that allows users to send direct messages to each other. In 2016 Musical.ly launched a linked live streaming function known as Live.ly, which allows users to broadcast their Musical.ly videos in real-time.

To access Live.ly, users will sign in to their Musical.ly account.

The default settings on Musical.ly (and therefore Live.ly) are set to public. This means that **anyone can view a user's videos, write comments or send them direct messages. Location settings are enabled by default which mean a child's location could be publicised on the app.**

### Should I be concerned about Musical.ly as a parent / carer?

- Musical.ly say that they moderate content, but often material that is inappropriate remains on the site.
- Users can leave live comments or ask the 'broadcaster' a question.
- There have been media reports of users encouraging 'dares' on Live.ly where a user is asked to complete a dare in order to receive the in-app gifts and emojis on the site. These dares may involve young people being asked to change their clothing, take their clothing off, answer sexually explicit questions or perform sexual acts. Young people may also be asked to chat on more private platforms such as WhatsApp or Kik.

For more detailed information, including how to change your privacy settings, please see the full, 'Think u know' guide on our website.



## Dates and Events

### December

Monday 4th December—Durham Parent Progress meetings

5.30pm, Clubs go live on Parent Pay

Tuesday 5th December—9.15am Christmas Musical, Whole School Performance

Wednesday 6th December—6-7pm Choir Club Carol singing at Westmoreland Place

Thursday 7th December—York Parent Progress meetings

Friday 8th December—Manchester Parent Progress meetings

St James the Less Christmas Trail (Whole School Trip)

3.30pm Second hand uniform sale (please bring coins/change)

Please note that school clubs finish on the 8th December. There are no clubs in the final week of term.

Monday 11th November—Liverpool Parent Progress meetings

3.00pm- 3.30pm Subtraction Parent Workshop (Yrs 1 to 4)

3.30pm– 4.20pm Winter Fair

Tuesday 12th December—Year 2 Trip to the Greenwich Planetarium

7-8pm Choir Club performance at St Gabriel's Church, Warwick Sq

Wednesday 13th December- Christmas Jumper Day (£1 per child) and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December—Cambridge Parent Progress meetings

9.00am Parent Workshop - Assessment at Pimlico Primary

Friday 15th December - Theatre Production (Whole School)

Last day of Term 2. 1pm finish (the gate will be open from 12.50pm)

**Winter Holidays: 16th December 2017 — Tuesday 2nd January 2018**  
**Term 3 begins on Wednesday 3rd January 2018**

### January

Wednesday 3rd January - First day of Term 3

Monday 8th January— Term 3 clubs begin

2.50pm Parent Commando Jo Workshop

Monday 15th January—Oxford Parent Progress Meetings

Tuesday 16th January—Bristol Parent Progress Meetings

Thursday 18th January—EYFS Parent Workshop—How to use Tapestry at home

**For Parent Progress meetings, please see the sign up sheets in the School Office.**