



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Becket Keys Church of England School

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Nelson Mandela



This week as part of our students' wider personal development programme, I have been presenting an assembly with a focus on Black History Month. I have spoken to the students in the Main School about Nelson Mandela.

As you will know, Mandela was born in South Africa in 1918. He qualified as a lawyer in the 1940s

around the time that apartheid was introduced into what was already a country struggling with deep rooted racism. Arrested and imprisoned for 27 years for his campaigning against the regime, Mandela became the most famous prisoner in the world.

He was kept in a prison in Robben Island. Mr Jones told me that he visited the island and described to me his shock at the size of the tiny cell Mandela was kept in.

I grew up in the 1980s and remember songs like 'Free Nelson Mandela' by The Specials and 'Give me hope Jo'Anna' by Eddie Grant. To be honest as I child, I had no idea what they were about really. Listening to them this week, I have been struck by the lyrics of the songs and the open active nature of the protest.

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Mandela was finally released from Prison in 1988. By 1994 he was elected President of South Africa.

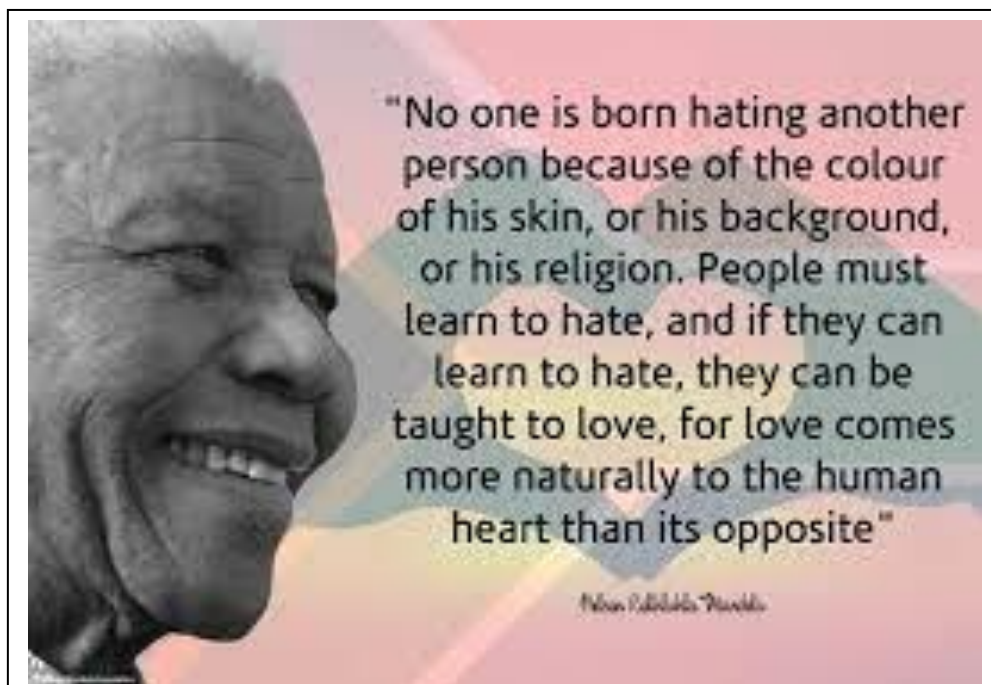
This week's collective worships have given us a chance to remember Nelson Mandela's extraordinary achievements. His courage, determination and compassion have touched many hearts and inspired and encouraged people all over the world to put others first.

Discrimination has been around for centuries and the challenges continue, but people who have taken action, such as Nelson Mandela, have helped to create the more diverse and accepting society we now live in.

One of my favourite Mandela quotes is: "No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than the opposite."

The Church of England has written a prayer for Black History Month.

***Compassionate God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to deliver us from all manner of
injustices and inequalities,
create in us new hearts and
enlarged visions,
to see the image of God in every
person
irrespective of background, race***



***and ethnicity.
May we be generous in our love
of others
as we work towards ending
misunderstanding, racism and
injustice; creating communities
of human flourishing,
through Jesus Christ your Son***

AMEN

In school, we acknowledge that there will be occasions when students make racist comments. As part of their wider personal development, we teach why such comments are unacceptable and provide consequences which will help students learn from their mistakes. Students are able to report confidentially any incident through the confide systems (post boxes or on-line) and/or simply by talking to a teacher. Older students also help by acting as prefects in the corridors, listening to what students are saying and if necessary making reports. Each incident is recorded carefully and reported to

governors. Fortunately, such incidents are extremely rare. I am proud to work in our school and see students showing the respect to each other that we would all hope for in today's society and especially in a Church of England School.

**Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher**



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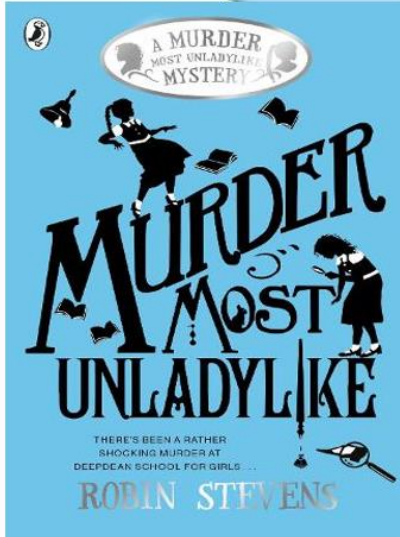
Year 7 Disco



It was wonderful to see the Year 7 students enjoying their social time together yesterday. Great fun for all involved!



Book of the Month - October



This is first instalment of the hugely popular Wells and Wong detective stories, Robin Stevens's note-perfect pastiche of Golden Age crime mysteries. It is a brilliantly realised and compelling boarding school adventure.

At Deepdean School for Girls, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have set up their own detective agency. But they are struggling to find any *real* crimes to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.)

Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. To add to the mystery, when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.

Determined to get to the bottom of the crime before the killer strikes again Hazel and Daisy must hunt for evidence, spy on their suspects and use all the cunning and intuition they can muster. But will they succeed? And can their friendship stand the test?



Please make sure that you top-up your son or daughter's account each week so that he/she is able to access all the delicious meals in the school restaurants.

There is a small overdraft facility on ParentPay accounts of £2 for emergency situations, which covers the cost of a sandwich.

Due to the cashless system in place, there is no other back up.

We do not want any student to miss lunch or the great choice of food available every day in our restaurants. The chefs work hard each day to provide a variety of delicious meals for the school.

If you need assistance navigating the site then help is available here:
<https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-guardians>

If you have any other queries, please contact the school –
office@becketkeys.org



A Message from the Admin Team

Remember that all correspondence to the school must come through the school office email:

office@becketkeys.org

Your message will be forwarded to the member of staff concerned.

You can also send a message via the contact page on the website:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/contact-staff>

You can also now reply directly to any message you receive from the school via Bromcom, just hit the reply button and it will go to the office.

Students can contact their teachers via Satchel One if they have any queries regarding their lessons.

Please do not email staff directly as any message received in this way will not receive a response.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Year 11 & Year 13 Theatre Trip

Getting the opportunity to go to the theatre with the school is amazing. As a student in Year 13 aiming for my next steps to be in the Performing Arts Industry it is always a pleasure to go to see live theatre. This performance of 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' did not disappoint. When I first walked into the theatre I was intrigued with the staging and wondered what would come next. It started, I was nervous yet excited at the same time. I was a bit confused at first as I do not know the play well and the story seemed different to what I remembered from my research. However when I linked it to the Brechtian form of theatre, I realised it was a play within a play. All techniques that Brecht employed were used very well and it was visually amazing. The different levels used within the play to represent themes such as social class and using ladders to get there was such a great idea, it represented the climb some people have and the ease others have.

I recommend watching this for an amazing experience and I am now excited to know more about Brecht and this style of Theatre.

A personal highlight was the incredible vocals of the cast but especially the amazing lead Carrie Hope Fletcher. She has truly inspired me to carry on my dreams in the industry.

Mairead Jordan -Year 13



An Evening With Terry Waite in Brentwood



Oct 25th, 7pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church

Tickets available at
www.ingravechurches.com

Subject Consultation Evenings

Year 8

Thursday 3rd November 2022

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Year 12

Thursday
17th November 2022

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Year 11

Thursday
12th January 2023

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Year 9

Thursday 2nd February 2023

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Year 7

Thursday 16th March 2023

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Year 10

Thursday 8th June 2023



Reminder!

Please make sure that EVERY item of uniform, PE Kit and equipment is named.

There are many items that we are unable to return as we do not know whom they belong to.

Lost Property can be collected from Reception.



Specialist Teacher and Autism consultant
Kathryn Miller

Can't Eat, Won't Eat

Wednesday 9th November
10am to 12noon - The SNAP Centre
7.30pm to 9.30pm - Online webinar



Essex SEND Information, Advice & Support's
Promotion and Development Worker Hannah

EHC Needs Assessment Request Workshop

Wednesday 23rd November
10am to 12noon - The SNAP Centre



SNAP Family & Information manager
Kate Batson

Autistic Masking

Wednesday 30th November
10am to 12noon - The SNAP Centre
7.30pm to 9.30pm - Online webinar



For further details please
visit: <https://www.snapcharity.org/>

Essex Carers Support

Essex Carers Support: grants available

It is so important that people are able to achieve a break from their caring role and have something nice to look forward to and we'd all agree that this is more important than ever at the moment. Our Time 4 You project is currently running in across Essex and focuses on helping Adult Carers (18+) to achieve a truly personalised one-off break that has a real and genuine impact on their sense of well being.

One off Time 4 You grants of up to £100 enable Carers to do something of their own choosing, aligned to their individual interests, hobbies and aspirations. Carers are asked to share with us the positive impact that their Time 4 You break has had on their well being.

For further details please
visit: <https://www.essexcarerssupport.org.uk/carer-breaks-examples>

Free School Meal Vouchers - All Saints' Holiday

Further funding for Free School Meal vouchers for the All Saints' break have been allocated by the local authority. As with previous holidays we will be using the school voucher system, Wonde, to issue vouchers.

Parents and carers of eligible students will receive an email from Wonde next week to allow them to claim their voucher. The email will contain a link to 'redeem a voucher'. You will be taken to Wonde's 'evouchers' page (previously named Schoolvouchers), where you will need to enter your details and confirm your email address before being asked to select the retailer you wish to receive a voucher for. The current retailers available are Asda, Aldi, B&M, Farmfoods, M&S, Iceland, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Waitrose and Tesco. You will then be given a PIN and the option to view the voucher. Having confirmed the PIN, you will be issued your voucher. The voucher barcode can be printed off or scanned on a smartphone for use in-store.

Details of the process and more questions about evouchers can be found on their website - <https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb/sections/360003848737-Recipient-FAQs>

Evouchers have now introduced an app to make it simpler to access and use vouchers. This can be downloaded via either the Apple App Store or Google Play. Further information on how to access and use the app can be found here - <https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb/sections/360005926797-NEW-Evouchers-com-App>



Aspens




WE ARE HIRING!!

We are currently looking for a Catering Assistant to join our team at Becket Keys CofE School.

20 hours per week - 7.30-11.30
 Monday - Friday
 Term time (38 weeks)
 £9.50 per hour

If you're interested, please send your CV to David Ashman at becket.keys@aspens-services.com



STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 11 – 16. This will give parents a greater understanding of their young person and strategies to help manage tricky situations which often occur during the teen years.

It is a **7-week step-by-step** programme that runs for 75 minutes per session on ZOOM on-line. Each session builds on the previous week. Parents are expected to attend all sessions.

STOP covers a range of topics including:

- how to make changes
- teen development
- using praise and encouragement
- problem solving
- setting limits



The programme is starting on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 6:30pm

Feedback from a parent:

The course has been engaging and I have taken lots of knowledge and strategies from it. The content and length of the course was just right. I now feel more confident and have greater insight into the working of my teenager's brain and behaviour!

This course has been sponsored by Brentwood Borough Council working in partnership with St Martin's School. Parents whose children attend a Brentwood school or live in Brentwood are invited to attend.

To book a place on the programme email: lesleybentley2019@outlook.com

You will then be sent a registration form and details to access Zoom on-line.



The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is every Wednesday at 8.45am.

This is a short meeting where we pray together for local and national events and for any intentions of those in our school family. All are welcome to attend.

If you have any prayer intentions, please send them into the school via the office email: office@becketkeys.org



Nearly New Uniform Sale

Many thanks to all those who supported the recent uniform sale.

We raised £860 for the school fund!

We appreciate all the volunteers who gave up their time at the weekend to assist with this event.

LOST PROPERTY

If your son/daughter has misplaced anything at school, then kindly inform him/her that all lost property is taken to reception for collection.

Please make sure that all items, especially uniform are named, this will ensure that items can be returned to the student easily. Thank you!



PAUSE

Greek word used here is very similar to the word for the beacon that a lighthouse emits. That beacon is bright and unmistakable in its purpose. It warns of danger. It directs to safe harbour. It provides hope for those who have lost hope. Every day we are surrounded by people searching around in the darkness, separated from the God who loves them. God uses His children, like beacons from a lighthouse, to show the way to Him.

As we begin our All Saints' holiday, may we take time to consider the November feasts of All Saints' Day and, on All Souls' Day, take time to pray for the faithful departed, as we return to school. It is comforting to know that no Christian is solitary. Through baptism that we become members together of the body of Christ. We become members of a company of saints and our mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the
stream, the narrow stream of
death.

Charles Wesley

Light shines brightest in the darkness

"You are the light of the world ... let your light shine among men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16)

As we approach the All Saints' Holiday, I ask you to think about what you will do this Halloween? Join in with the secular celebrations? Creep around in the darkness? Hide with the lights off? Hustle the family out of the house? Think again! Instead, simply let your light shine! After all, where does your light shine the brightest but in the darkness! Be inspired by the Saints and remember with gratitude all those dear to you that have departed from this world. In

Matthew 5:14, Jesus tells His disciples "You are the light of the world". He also calls us to illuminate and make visible the reality of Christ's presence. Remember, it is the reflection of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ Himself, that people will see in us.



In Philippians 2:15, the apostle Paul says, "Believers, you are to shine as light in the world". The

The Church of England website eloquently explains All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day:

'All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate way. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy.'

Reflect on these words and take time to pray this All Saints' holiday:

Dear God,

We praise you for giving us the glorious example of the Saints. We aspire to meet their company, praising you forever in Heaven. Help us to follow in their footsteps and the example of Jesus Christ. Help us submit to Your call, seeking Your order in all things, just as the Saints did. Help us to commit ourselves to Your glory, and to the service of our neighbours. As we remember those we love, but see no longer, may we give thanks for the ways that they nurtured us and touched our lives. May we remember that we are saved by your amazing grace and shine as lights in the world always.

Amen.

Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher



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As Mr Scott-Evans wrote last week we are constantly improving our cyber security and IT systems. Over the All Saints' Holiday we will be having a large scale upgrade to our computing infrastructure.

This will mean that there may be some disruption to normal services. Apps like Satchel One: Show My Homework and My Child at School may stop working. There will also be short periods when our email and phone systems will not be operational.

We are encouraging as many colleagues as possible to try a week of digital detox.

We would like to encourage as many families as possible to join us in attempting to unplug from phones, tablets and laptops next week.

If you need us next week for any reason and you cannot get through: you can always contact us via Facebook or Twitter!



Art & Textiles

Here are all the fantastic pieces from this week with

Mrs Brassett.



Star Artist for Art

Amelia Hall Yr 9



Cydney Etchells Yr 12



@becketkeysarttextiles



Megan Gazzard

Yr 12

@becketkeysarttextiles

Leoni Witchalls

Yr 8



In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

Star of the week

Olivia Garaty **Y11**



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Key stage 3

Elena Zamani Y8



Jack Hayes Y9



Grace Power Y8

Key stage 4



Maisie Mowatt Y10



Lauren Brown Y10

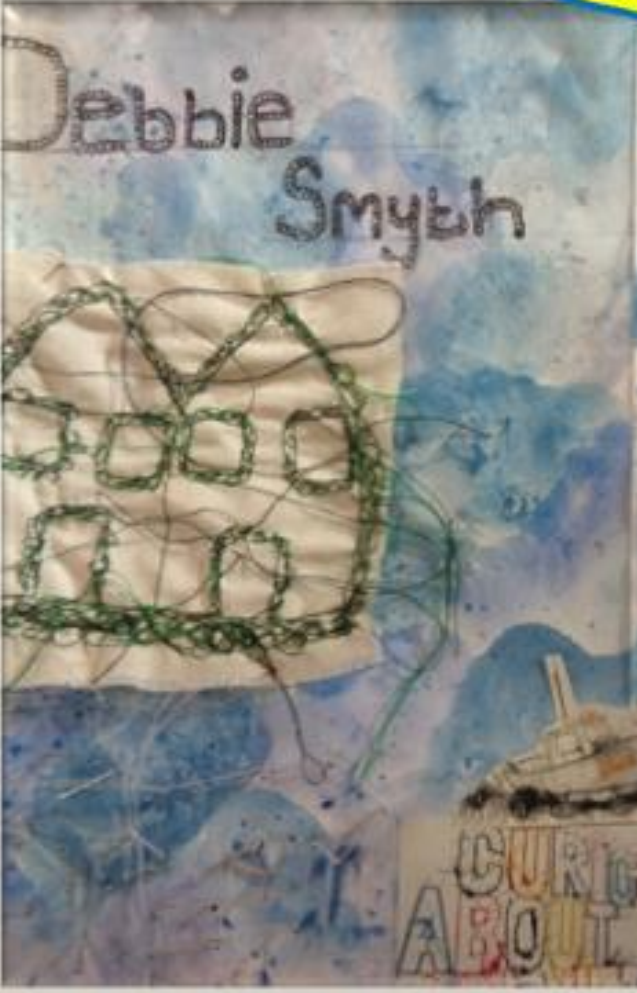
Key stage 5



McKenzie Reid Y12



Ruby Cole Y12



Sports News



Year 8 Netball

The Year 8 netball team have shown great motivation and determination in training this term. The students have competed with and against students from the older year groups, where they have demonstrated willpower and courage to succeed. The A team were triumphant against St John Payne, winning their match 6-3. We are looking forward to replicating this performance next term during the team's upcoming matches against The Sandon School, The Beaulieu Park School and Orsett Heath Academy. Well done to Imogen Hutton; Scarlett Sawkins; Isabel Collins; Kaylin Nanchwa Muwenda; Isabella Hutton; Maddie Moon and Leoni Witchalls.

Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 netball squad have been extremely successful this term. The Year 9 squad is the largest of the year groups and the students involved demonstrate outstanding maturity and sportsmanship when rotating positions and adjusting their game to suit the requirements of the game. Thus far the Y9 team has realised match success against St John Payne, Great Baddow High School, Boswells Academy and Moulsham High School. The team recently beat The Sandon School 18-6 in the first round of the Essex Cup, we wish the girls luck for the next round.

Well done to Imogen Walls; Holly Marder; Lily Matthews; Millie Johnson; Liz Griffiths; Elle Holdcroft; Esme Hodges; Tiannah Hayes; Evanthe Antoniou; Olivia Miller, Harriet

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Yardy, Daisy Godfrey and Pipe Lawani.



Year 11 Boys' Football

Year 11 Boys vs Sandon in the cup.

On the back of the 6-a-side tournament victory, the year 11s started their cup run. The match was away at Sandon (who coincidentally were the team in the final of the 6-a-side so we knew the game would be close).

The back three of Joe, Sam B and Sam C protected the vocal Will between the sticks. The midfield of Jacob, Jack and Emeka were able to create opportunities for the willing runners of Harry and Callum up top. We started brightly with some good link up play before the usually clinical Harry dragged the first clear chance wide. A flurry of long throws into the Sandon box caused trouble for the keeper as both Emeka and Callum E were unable to tap home. Our captain (Callum Goodey) opened the scoring after Jack played a well weighted ball wide and the pace of Callum saw his low drive find the back of the net.

We finished the half 1-0 up and were relatively unscathed but we knew we could not get complacent. Two changes saw Luke and Sam replace Jacob and Levi. Both came on and made instant impacts with Sam winning important headers and Luke using his pace out wide. Will had not been asked to do much this half but it was good to hear him communicating throughout. Some more link up play between Harry and Callum led to an Emeka strike which shaved the post. Jacob came back on to replace the impressive Jack in defensive midfield and he was able instantly latch onto a loose ball and fed a first time through-ball to the speedy Callum who claimed his second.

2-0 at full time. Mr Lane picked Jacob Lawrence for man of the match after a composed game with a deserved assist.



Year 7 – Netball

The Year 7 netball team started the season this week against Sandon School. Going out as a straight 7 (with no subs) was a risky move, but we were confident in the ability of our players. The game started frantically. After the 3rd quarter the score was 4-1. This called for an intervention from Miss Schafer and assistant coach Ella Clark. After some encouraging feedback the team took to the 4th quarter and were finally in control of the game. They began to look like a cohesive team and the goals started to go in! The game finished 5-4 to Becket Keys. This game contributes to our Essex Plate games, so we were pleased with the result. Sandon School gave our player of the match to Vienna Hayes for her constant drive and speed across the court! A great team performance in the end and a year to look forward to!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY
MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER –
FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2022

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STUDENT HALF DAY
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2022 –
TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023

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