



Newsletter.....



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Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

THANK YOU

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your generous Christmas gifts.

To all who supported and/or helped with the Christmas production in any way.

To Mrs Anna Brookes for her help with swimming last term.

To all who organised and supported the Chocolate Bingo, including Mr Gavin Carr as Bingo Caller! The event raised £127.00.

To all who supported the collection of clothes and toys for Cheadle Women's Refuge. A 'thank you' letter is on display on the noticeboard.

To all who contributed to the shoe boxes that were sent to 'Operation Christmas Child'.

To the Royal Oak for hosting a recent quiz night in aid of the school and also to Mr Gavin Carr as quizmaster. £208 was raised.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- **WHOLE SCHOOL - full PE Kit required on Mondays and Wednesdays this term.**
- **YEARS 3 and 4 - REMEMBER VIOLINS ON FRIDAYS!**

ADMISSIONS 2017

Local Authority letters were issued last term to parents of children due to start school or transfer to Middle School in September 2017. Please ensure you have completed your application on line or sent in by post by **15 January 2017**.

There are a limited number of information booklets available from the office for those who do not have internet access. On line applications are accepted at:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

HEAD LICE

We have already had a case of head lice reported this term! It seems to be a recurrent problem, particularly in Class 2. Please can you ensure you check for head lice on a very regular basis and treat the **whole** family promptly. Combs are available from the school office at a cost of 75p each. Information regarding detection and treatment was sent home in November and is attached to this newsletter. More information can be found from the NHS web site at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

USED STAMPS

At the end of term, an envelope was sent home with each child by Charlie Prince to collect used postage stamps in aid of the Leprosy Mission. Please could the envelopes be returned to Charlie or his mum as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

TOPICS

Please also refer to the curriculum leaflet that will be sent home separately. The topics for the Spring term are:

| | Main Topic | | RE |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Class 1 (Yrs N & R) | Weather and Colour | | What is inside a church? |
| | Main Topic | Science | RE |
| Class 2 (Yrs 1 and 2) | The earth in space | Materials and Forces | The Muslim faith |
| Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4) | Weather and Climate | Water Cycle/ States of Matter | What is it like to be a Muslim? |

A visit for Class 2 to The Space Centre in Leicester has been organised with details to follow separately.

PE

As you already know, the arrangements for PE this term will be a little different. The whole school will continue to have PE lessons on Mondays. In addition, Progressive Sports will be delivering gymnastics sessions in the village hall to Years 1, 2 3 and 4 on Wednesday afternoons. Class 1 will have a gymnastics session in the school hall. Please ensure the children have their full PE kit including pumps on both days. Please ensure the children have a waterproof coat and trainers with them for walking to the village hall.

A team of 4 children from each year group (Years 1 to 4) will take part in a Gymnastics competition in Uttoxeter on Thursday, 2 February. A letter will follow shortly.

SWIMMING

There will be no swimming this term as the pool at Denstone College is unavailable. It will recommence on Tuesday, 25th April.

EXTRA CURRICULA

Clubs will take place as follows:

| Day | Time | Activity/Club | Year Group | Led by |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Mondays - 6 weeks | 3.15pm to 4.20pm | Street Dance | Yrs 1-4 (18 spaces)** | Mrs Simcock |
| Tuesday | 12.30pm -1.00pm | Lego Club | Yrs 3 and 4 | Mrs Bennett |

****Places are confirmed at Dance Club for all those who returned their forms with payment**

SCHOOL UNIFORM

An order for school uniform is attached to this newsletter. Should you wish to place an order please hand this in to the office with payment by **Friday, 20 January**.

WORLD BOOK DAY



To celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday, 2nd March**, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. The theme will be Roald Dahl.


DAILY READING

In an attempt to encourage children to read daily at home, all teachers are keeping a record each time a child has read. Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates will be awarded for 35, 70 and 100 times a child has read at home. The raffle ticket system will continue alongside this.

'BUSY BODIES' OUT OF HOURS CLUB

Please may we remind you to complete the separate diary with your requirements, in advance where possible.

The charges are as follows:

| | | |
|---|-------------------|--|
|  | Mornings | 7.50am to 8.50am £4.00 (to include light snack and drink) |
| | Afternoons | 3.15pm to 4.30pm £5.00 (to include a light snack and drinks) 3.15pm to 6.00pm £8.50 (to include a light snack and drinks) |

Please note: we can accept childcare vouchers towards payment of fees - please see Abbie Burrows, Play Leader, for more information.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE

In line with NHS Norovirus guidelines, if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea after school or during the night, please keep them at home for at least 2 days following the last bout.

BAD WEATHER

Just in case we have the sort of weather conditions that cause mayhem around the country.... Our problem here is that main roads may be clear but gritters don't often come past the school. We are to continue with our text messaging service for any late school closures due to snow. **Please ensure that you update us with any new mobile contact numbers.** As before, we will text **one** nominated parent.

Please DO NOT use the school mobile number to text or telephone the school.

In addition, school closures will be notified to Staffordshire County Council and will appear on their school closure list at the following web address:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist

SCHOOL MEALS

The school is able to claim Pupil Premium funding from the Government for each pupil registered for Free School Meals due to household income. Please help us to boost our budget as much as possible by letting us know if you wish to apply for free school meals. Please see Mrs Pemberton, in confidence if you wish, for further information. Alternatively you can apply on line or download an application form from the Staffordshire County Council web site:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals.

Please apply even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and receives the Government funded free meal or prefers to bring sandwiches. Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The minutes of the last meeting are on the noticeboard in the entrance hall. The Governors, staff and children appreciate the tremendous support given by the School Association. The most recent support has been the purchase of new laptops, 2 iPads and computer storage trolley. In addition, the School Association has paid for the Christmas gifts for all the children and the cost of the coaches for Christmas activities (Class 1 to the Adventure Farm and Classes 2 and 3 to the New Vic Theatre). The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday, 7th February at 7pm**. Please let Mrs Pemberton have any items for the agenda by Monday, 6 February please.

50 Club

The winners of the Christmas 50 Club draw were:

£50 E Killeen

£15 D Green

£15 H Stirley

(Cheques to the winners will follow shortly - just in the process of transferring bank accounts.)

REMINDERS

- If your child is to be absent through illness, please contact the office by 9.30am on the first morning.
- Please ensure all children bring a coat to school each day.
- Please remember to bring a school bag each day containing any reading and exercise books, equipment and homework.
- Please respect our neighbours and **DO NOT PARK ON OR OPPOSITE** the yellow lines outside the school gates. Please also mention this to anyone else who may be dropping off or collecting your child.
- Bikes and scooters should be parked carefully in the rack provided and **not ridden in the playground**.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

We are often asked to distribute various promotional materials and wish to remind you that these do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the governors and/or staff.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/CALENDAR



| Dates for January | Applies to | Event/Activity |
|---|-------------------|---|
| Tuesday, 3 rd | Staff | INSET training |
| Wednesday, 4 th | All | School opened for Spring term |
| Wednesday, 4 th | Years 1,2,3,& 4 | Snow Queen - New Vic Theatre |
| Thursday, 15 th | Pre school & Y4 | Admissions deadline |
| Friday, 20 th | All | Uniform order deadline |
| Dates for February | | |
| Tuesday, 7 th | All | School Association meeting in school at 7pm |
| Thursday, 2 nd | Teams of 4 | Gymnastics Competition, Uttoxeter |
| Monday, 20 th - Friday, 24 th | All | Half term |
| Tuesday, 28 th | Class 2 | Visit to Space Centre, Leicester |
| Dates for March | | |
| Thursday, 2 nd | All | World Book Day |
| Tuesday, 14 th | All | Parents Evening 3.30pm to 5pm |
| Wednesday, 15 th | All | Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm |