



# Newsletter.....



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## November 2017

### THANK YOU .....

To everyone who organised and ordered Christmas cards. These will be distributed shortly.

To Anna Brookes as our regular swimming helper.

To Mrs Prince, Mrs Howlett and Mrs Norton for their work in the garden.

To everyone who helps out in the classroom.

## Royal British Legion poppies are on sale in school next week!

### CHILDREN IN NEED

The School Council is organising a non uniform day in aid of Children in Need on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**. The theme is 'spots' so please could the children try to wear something spotty if possible! Donations of £1 per child please. The School Council is also holding a cake stall at the end of school and also a cake raffle. We have already sorted the cake raffle prize but donations of small cakes would be much appreciated!!



**Cheadle Women's Refuge** - if you have any good quality clothing or toys you are able to spare, then please hand these in to the school office on **Thursday, 30 November**. These will be donated to Cheadle Women's Refuge via Kate Pickup. Your generous donations in the past have been much appreciated and we would like to offer our support once again.

### TOPICS

The topics for the second half of the Autumn term are:

	Main Topic	Understanding the World	RE
Class 1 (Yrs N & R)	Festivals of Light		What good news did the angels bring?
	Main Topic	Science	RE
Class 2 (Yrs 1 & 2)	The city of London	Animals including humans	Why does Christmas matter to Christians?
Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4)	Volcanoes	Rocks	What is the Trinity?

## ADMISSIONS 2018

The Local Authority on line application for admission to Reception or Middle School in September 2018 is available now and closes on 15 January 2018. Please apply on line at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

Please ensure you, or anyone else you may know of, have completed an 'Expression of interest form' available from the office if there is a child due to start school or Nursery in September 2018 and beyond. This **CANNOT** guarantee a place but ensures we are able to forward either a school Nursery application or a Local Authority application for Reception at the appropriate time.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

These were taken before half term and proofs will be with you shortly.

## WHITEMOOR LAKES - YEAR 4

We have arranged for the children in Year 4 to join with other local schools for a weekend at Whitemoor Lakes Outdoor Education Centre. They will take part in activities including canoeing, campfire cooking, archery and orienteering. The date for the visit is the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018. A separate letter has been sent separately as a deposit is required by Friday, 24 November.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

In preparation for warnings of 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 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.** 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](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist)



## PARENT VIEW

Parents and carers can give their view of our school at any time during the school year using an online questionnaire called Parent View. Once you are registered, it only takes a couple of minutes to complete 12 short questions on aspects such as quality of teaching, homework etc. When our school is notified of an OFSTED inspection, parents will be invited to submit their views to inspectors through Parent View as this has replaced the paper questionnaire.

Please register with an email address and a password at [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

Should you have any issues you wish to discuss, please remember we have an open door policy and will be happy to arrange a meeting at any time.

## LOST PROPERTY

*PLEASE, PLEASE ensure all school uniform is clearly named. We spend so much time trying to find owners for cardigans, jumpers and PE kit - thank you for your co-operation.*

A lost property box is kept in the entrance. At the end of term, all un-named and unclaimed clothing will be given to charity or recycled.

## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

**Christingle making** - we will be making Christingles with the children in school on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Christmas presentation** - **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 2pm and 6.30pm in St Peter's Church. Our Christmas presentation this year is called 'Straw and Order'. The evening performance will be followed by lighting of Christingles and refreshments.

**Christmas Lunch** - the children will be having their Christmas lunch on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Children who usually bring a packed lunch may order a Christmas meal at a cost of £2.20. Please order with payment by Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.


**Christmas Party** - the children will have their Christmas Party on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**. More details will follow and we hope a seasonal visitor will join the celebrations!

**Theatre** - the children in Years 1 to 4 will visit the New Vic Theatre on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January** for their production of 'Treasure Island'. A separate letter has been sent. Consent forms must be returned by Friday, 24 November please as we have to confirm our tickets.

## '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:

	<b>Mornings</b>	7.50am to 8.50am	£4.00 (to include light snack and drink)
	<b>Afternoons</b>	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 Beki Hickman for more information.**

## PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please respect our neighbours and **DO NOT PARK** on or opposite the yellow lines outside the school gates or block any gateways. Please also mention this to anyone else who may be dropping off or collecting your child.

## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

All parents are automatically members of the School Association (PTA). Thank you to all who attended the recent AGM. The officers for 2017/18 are:

Chair - Mrs Kate Woods

Vice Chair - Mrs Helen Stone

Treasurer - Mrs Jessica Harding

Secretary - Mrs Jo Stringer

A calendar of proposed activities was sent home before half term.

## 50 CLUB

The first 50 club draw of the year has yet to take place as we have insufficient members at the moment. If you would like to join or renew your membership, please see Heather John by **10 November** at the latest. It may be that we have to suspend the draw this year.

## VACANCIES - Catering

Entrust Chartwells are still looking to recruit a kitchen assistant for the school. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Cram on 07773792214.

## SCHOOL MEALS

National School Meals Week is approaching and Chartwells (our school meal provider) would like feedback from parents on how they are doing with the provision of school meals.

Please join in with the 'We're All Ears' parent survey which will be running between **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017**, which coincides with National School Meals Week (13<sup>th</sup> November - 17<sup>th</sup> November). The questionnaire is hosted online and can be accessed via the following:

[www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk/entrustnsmw](http://www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk/entrustnsmw)

You have the chance to win some fantastic prizes. All completed online entries received by **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** will be entered into a free prize draw:

- 1 x £100 Vouchers
- 2 x £50 Vouchers

## REMINDERS

- Please ensure all children bring a coat to school each day.
- Years 3 and 4 - please pay dinner money on **Monday mornings** (£11.00 per week) - cash or cheques payable to Staffordshire County Council (SCC)
- PLEASE CHECK BAGS EACH NIGHT FOR NOTES, READING BOOKS ETC
- If your child is to be absent from school due to illness, please contact the office by 9.30am on the first morning.
- 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 **two days** following the last bout.
- Please wait to ride bikes and scooters until you are out of the front playground.

**WHOLE SCHOOL - REMEMBER WEAR PE KIT TO SCHOOL ON MONDAYS**  
**CLASS 3 - REMEMBER SWIMMING KIT ON TUESDAYS**  
**CLASSES 1 & 2 - REMEMBER TO BRING PE KIT TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAYS**  
**CLASS 3 - REMEMBER VIOLINS ON FRIDAYS!**



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/CALENDAR/NOTICEBOARD!**

<b>Dates for November</b>	<b>Applies to</b>	<b>Event/activity</b>
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Bags2School collection
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2	Tesco to visit school - Healthy Eating
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	Library van - please bring books to return
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	50 Club subscription deadline
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	Non uniform day, cake stall and cake raffle for Children in Need
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	St Peter's Church Christmas Fayre
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 to 4	Consent forms to be returned for Treasure Island visit
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4	Consent forms and deposit to be returned for Whitemoor Lakes visit
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	All	Library van - please bring books to return
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	Diwali Dance Workshop
	All	Collection for Cheadle Women's Refuge
<b>Dates for December</b>	<b>Applies to</b>	<b>Event/activity</b>
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	Children who usually bring sandwiches for lunch - deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Flu vaccinations (for those who returned consent forms)
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christingle making in school
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas presentation in St Peter's Church
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery starters	Induction session for new Nursery intake 9.15am to 11.45am
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	All	School closes for Christmas
<b>Dates for January</b>	<b>Applies to</b>	<b>Event/activity</b>
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	School closed - INSET for staff
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	School reopens for Spring term
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery & Year 4	Application closing date for Reception and Middle School
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 to 4	Visit to New Vic - Treasure Island