



Newsletter.....



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January 2018

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 supported the collection of clothes and toys for Cheadle Women's Refuge.

To all who supported the Christingle collection in aid of The Children's Society - £59.23 was raised.

WELCOME TO....

Ted who joins our Nursery class this term.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- **WHOLE SCHOOL** - full PE Kit to be worn to school on Mondays
- **CLASSES 2 AND 3** - full PE kit to be brought to school on Wednesdays this term
- **CLASS 1** - PE kit to be brought to school on Thursdays
- **CLASS 3** - REMEMBER VIOLINS ON FRIDAYS!

ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY - reminder

A letter was sent home last term detailing new arrangements that are coming in to force with immediate effect regarding attendance and punctuality. The new attendance policy is available on our web site.

ADMISSIONS 2018

Local Authority letters were issued last term to parents of children due to start school or transfer to Middle School in September 2018. Please ensure you have completed your application on line or sent in by post by **15 January 2018**.

On line applications are accepted at: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

HEAD LICE

This tends to be the time of year when head lice outbreaks become a nuisance! 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. More information can be found from the NHS web site at:

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

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)	Traditional Tales		Special Stories
	Main Topic	Science	RE
Class 2 (Yrs 1 and 2)	History: Local History Geography: Weather and Climate in different parts of the world	Living things and their habitats	What does it mean to be a Jew?
Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4)	Anglo Saxons	Living things and their habitats	What kind of world did Jesus want?

PE

The whole school will continue to have PE lessons on Mondays with Progressive Sports - please come to school dressed in PE kit for the day. In addition, Classes 2 and 3 should bring their full PE kit to school on Wednesdays as Mrs Stirley will be delivering gymnastics sessions in the village hall to Years 1, 2 3 and 4 on Wednesday afternoons. Class 1 will continue to have a PE session on Thursdays - please bring full PE kit to school. 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.

GOLDEN MILE

This is a new physical activity initiative that we will be launching on **Thursday, 11 January**. More information will follow shortly.

FITNESS TESTING AND ENRICHMENT SPORTS ACTIVITY - Thursday, 8 February

This is a 'follow up' activity from the session that took place in the Autumn term. The fitness of the children will again be measured to check the impact of the physical activity undertaken last term. The children will also have the opportunity to experience an enrichment sport - on this occasion archery has been organised. The children will need to come to school in their full PE kit for the day.

SWIMMING

There will be no swimming this term as the pool at Denstone College is unavailable. It will recommence on Tuesday, 17th April. For swimming to continue, we will require a swimming helper or helpers (subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check). You will need to be available from 1.00pm to 2.30pm on Tuesday afternoons in the summer term. Please see Mrs Bennett or Mrs Pemberton if you can help! Thank you!

EXTRA CURRICULA

We are in the process of arranging a football club after half term when hopefully the light and weather will have improved! We are aiming to run 2 age groups subject to sufficient numbers. More details will follow.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

These will take place after half term. Letters will follow shortly. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher, Mrs Bennett (Head of School) or Miss Robson/Mrs Walker (Executive Co-Headteachers).

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, 19 January**.

WORLD BOOK DAY



To celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday, 1st March**, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a poem. More details will follow.


DAILY READING reminder

To encourage children to read daily at home, all teachers continue to keep a record each time a child has read. Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates are awarded for 35, 70 and 100 times a child has read at home. The raffle ticket system continues 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 Beki Hickman, 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 48 hours following the last bout.

BAD WEATHER

Just in case we continue with 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 prefers to bring sandwiches or is in Year R, 1 or 2 and receives the Government funded free meal. Thank you for your support!

VACANCY - CATERING ASSISTANT

This is a vacancy to assist in the kitchen each day with the preparation, serving and tidying away of school meals. The hours are 8.75 per week. Please see Mrs Pemberton if you are interested and she can pass your contact details to our catering provider. The position is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

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 a brilliant, robust penguin waste bin for the playground, funding for the coach to the New Vic (Classes 2 and 3) and coach to the travelling theatre at Denstone (Class 1). The date of the next meeting is **Monday, 15th January 2018 at 7.00pm at The Bull's Head, Alton.** Please let Mrs Stringer have any items for the agenda by Friday, 12th January please.

50 Club

The winners of the Christmas 50 Club draw were:

- £50 M Goldstraw
- £15 H John
- £15 C Chapman

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
Wednesday, 3 rd	Staff	INSET training
Thursday, 4 th	All	School opened for Spring term
Thursday, 11 th	All	Launch of the Golden Mile
Monday, 15 th	Pre school & Y4	Admissions deadline
Monday, 15 th	All	School Association meeting - 7pm, Bulls Head, Alton
Friday, 19 th	All	Uniform order deadline
Wednesday, 24 th	Nursery & Year R	Visit to All Saints School, Denstone for travelling theatre performance (am). Letter to follow
Thursday, 25 th	Years 1 to 4	Visit to New Vic Theatre - Treasure Island (am)
Dates for February		
Tuesday, 6 th	All	Safer Internet Day
Thursday, 8 th	All	Fitness Testing/Enrichment sport session - Premier Sport. PE kit required for the day.
Monday, 19 th - Friday, 23 rd	All	Half term
Dates for March		
Thursday, 1 st	All	World Book Day
Monday, 12 th	All	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 5pm
Tuesday, 13 th	All	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday, 28 th	All	Easter Service in church at 9.10am
Thursday, 29 th	All	School closes for Easter holiday