

# November newsletter

Christmas is once again upon us. When you work in a school, Christmas actually lasts for two months. It's really rather nice, it's just a case of hoping that we all have enough energy left for our own family Christmas at the end of it all.

So on with the news.....

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

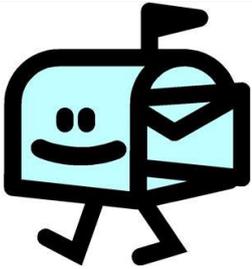


Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	HANGING DECORATIONS IN TODAY
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	2.00pm KS1 Christmas performance
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance
	2.00pm KS1 Christmas performance
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform day for Xmas Fayre items
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm KS2 Christmas performance
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm KS2 Christmas performance
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner
	Whole school Theatre treat
	6.00pm KS2 Christmas performance
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Party Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Party Day
	Choir to Thanet
	Xmas disco after school
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30pm Xmas Fayre
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am Whole school To St Paul's- parents/ carers are welcome to join us
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
	10.00am Fun Concert
	Toy Day
	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM 1

## COMPLAINTS

We have had several complaints from parents about children running around in the area outside reception whilst waiting to come into school in the morning. I know this is a problem as it is quite a small area, but please will you ensure they are not running in amongst parents and children, as this is an accident waiting to happen.

## RECEPTION NEWS



Mrs Mahood has planned several parent workshops since we came back in September, which are proving to be a great hit. It is lovely to see so many parents coming in to work with their children. It is also really helpful for you to find out what you can do with your children to support them at home in the same way as we do at school.

A special walk to the post box, linked to the class topic, was very successful and children wrote letters and posted them on the walk.

The class have been finding out all about Diwali and this topic will finish with a Diwali party. Mrs Mahood does like her parties; they are always having parties in Reception!!

## YEAR 1 NEWS



This term's topic is 'The Great Fire of London', which is proving to be a great hit. They have made models of the houses during this period and made cakes from the Fire of London recipe. I hope they ate them before they burnt.

It is lovely walking through the hall at the moment to see how much the children are enjoying practising their Nativity performance and Year 1 love singing all the songs. I think the KS1 teachers will be singing the songs in their sleep.... I know I am!

## YEAR 2 NEWS



You may be wondering why I have put a picture of a nose on the Year 2's news. This is linked to their trip to Eureka which was related to their topic for this term. I had such fantastic stories from the children when they came back to tell me about how they had gone up a nose that was full of snot and they had all made sick! Of course this was right in line with my sense of humour and shows you that we are absolutely teaching the right things! The amount of learning however they had done was fantastic and all of course down to them having so much fun.

The Year 2 children are also having fun rehearsing for their production and yes, Mrs Smith is singing the songs all the time as well. I think I am going to have to buy her a Director's chair to make her role complete.

## YEAR 3 NEWS



Year 3 are now well and truly classed as juniors and Mrs Heath is very pleased with how sensible and grown up they are being both in their behaviour and their attitude to work. This term they are learning to be healthy. I think we may need to think about the timing of this topic leading up to Christmas, which perhaps is not the healthiest time of the year.

We have yet another class who are enjoying preparing for their production, Aladdin. They of course this year will be in the KS2 production for the first time.

## YEAR 4 NEWS



Year 4 has a great topic this term- 'The Great Plague'. I remember doing this at school and loving it. I could imagine that this class will really enjoy all the yuckiness (I do know there is no such word!) linked to this subject; from rats to death and disease! The class have been undertaking lots of research about this and have used the I pads to do so, which they have really enjoyed.

Every Wednesday afternoon a strange noise drifts across the school which is the sound of 27 children playing the flute! I went into class today to ask them if they were enjoying learning to play the instrument and they were hugely enthusiastic about it. They have an excellent tutor from the Lancashire Music Service who Macy Proctor says is.... 'Simply amazing!'

The lessons are going really well and they are working on some Christmas material, so maybe we will be in line for a concert.

## YEAR 5



Year 5 are doing some fantastic singing and acting for their Christmas production. From snippets I have seen, I think we are all in for an absolute treat. The KS2 staff always put 120% into their productions and the result is always worth waiting for. The teachers have requested that you send in any colourful silk scarves you have to help them with their costumes.

Mrs Mc Vey and Mrs Meers are thrilled with the historical writing the children are producing at the moment linked to their topic. Well done Year 5.

## YEAR 6 NEWS



I keep thinking that Year 6 are finally maturing and growing into sensible citizens..... AND then we have an argument or fall out! However there is time yet before they leave us. They are however being really supportive in their new role as wet lunchtime helpers where they go into different classes to look after the younger children. On another positive note they are working hard on their practice tests which we use to assess areas that need working on. They are adapting well to the New Curriculum and have been writing Westerns, Biographies and Narratives to help them to write in different styles.

## LEARNING MENTOR



I know many of you know Miss Dowling our Learning Mentor, but for those who don't, her role in school is to support pupils and families who may be experiencing difficulties. She does many things, such as liaising with the school nurse and various social workers and family workers. She also liaises with Dr Tony about medical concerns and problems with appointments. She also has several children she works with on a regular basis developing self-esteem, confidence and dealing with issues which are affecting the children's wellbeing. If you have concerns about your child the first port of call is the class teacher, however if the concern is linked to emotional or social needs Miss Dowling may be able to help. There are so many ways she can support you, so don't be afraid to seek her out.

**And also remember my door is always open to come and see me too.**

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Last year's Fayre was our first and we were so pleased with how it went. The general atmosphere and ambiance in school was lovely and I am really looking forward to this years- watch out for the outfit!

There are extra things to look forward to, which I know are going to be top sellers. We have reindeer- donkeys in school; a strange breed, but one which I know the children will absolutely love, so make sure they have a reindeer- donkey ride!

The school is going to smell of mulled wine again, but also this year popcorn and candyfloss made in the old traditional way- so don't miss that too.

There will also be:-

- Raffle with amazing prizes
- Tombolas
- Cakes
- Mulled wine/ mince pies
- Santa's Grotto
- Class gifts- every class has made something special you can buy
- Burgers/ hot dogs and wraps
- Hot and cold drinks
- Mrs Christmas' workshop
- Face painting
- Balloon modelling

Entrance fee £1.00, which also gets you a mulled wine and mince pie and free Raffle ticket. Children are free but must be accompanied by an adult.

*IF ANYONE HAS ANY WHITE SHEETS WE COULD HAVE TO HELP US DECORATE THE GROTTO PLEASE BRING THEM INTO SCHOOL.*

*PLEASE WHEN WE HAVE OUR NON UNIFORM DAY FOR ITEMS, CAN YOU SUPPORT US IN ANY WAY THAT YOU CAN TO MAKE THE EVENT REALLY SUCCESSFUL.*

*ALSO.....IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO MAY BE ABLE TO DONATE QUALITY PRIZES FOR THE RAFFLE, PLEASE LET THEM KNOW ABOUT OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE. THIS MAY BE ANYONE WHO HAS A LOCAL BUSINESS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE US VOUCHERS ETC..... OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF.*

### **CHILDREN IN NEED DAY**

We all came in non- uniform to support Children in Need Day and were lucky enough to have a visit from Pudsey Bear himself. The school raised £190 for Children In Need- Well done everyone.

### **MISS HEDGES' TEA PARTY**

The following are the group of children who have been selected to come to my next Tea Party. These are children who have been superstars during the month of November. Well done children. You will receive an invitation to tell you when it is and remember you can wear your own clothes on the day.

Reception	Jessica Hilton
Year 1-	Tyler Wright
Year 2-	Charley Watkinson-Orr
Year 3-	Jack Rogers
Year 4-	Millie Wright
Year 5-	Jake Tunstall
Year 6-	Braden Snell

And that's all for now folks! See you at the productions!

