



Newsletter No 13

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 7 December 2018



Christmas Fayre

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas Fayre last night. It was lovely to see so many of you attending. A special thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in preparing this event. A very special thank you to Santa, for visiting us; we know that this is a very busy time of the year for him!

Thank you for supporting this event; it was a great success; we will let you know the amount raised as soon as we know.

End of term - Children not to leave early on Friday 21 December

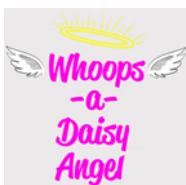
A reminder that the children break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21 December. This is a normal school day and the expectation is that all children remain in school until the end of the day at 3.20pm. Thank you for your cooperation.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 13 December**. Everyone is welcome.

Year 6 visit to Tudor Grange Academy, Kinghurst.

On Tuesday, Year 6 had the incredible privilege of visiting a WW1 replica trench at the CTC secondary school in Kinghurst. It was a tremendous day- children re-enacted parts of WW1- this included: signing up for the army, marching drills and even polishing trench boots! The most exciting part of the day was visiting the actual replica trench- they were all blown away by it. As part of the day, they were given a guided tour of the trench and learnt all about the conditions soldiers were expected to endure during this terrible time. Overall, it was a fantastic day- lots of learning took place and most importantly, children got to envision first hand life as a soldier during this 'Great War'. A huge thankyou to the PTA for their supported in enabling this trip to take place. A wonderful day had by all!



EFYS and KS1 Christmas Production

There will be two performances: **Tuesday 11 December** with refreshments served from 2.15pm with the performance starting at 2.30pm. **Parents will be allowed in school at 2.15pm.**

Also, on **Wednesday 12 December** - refreshments served at 9.00am with the performance starting at 9.15am. **Parents will be allowed in school at 9.00am.** The children (and staff!) have been practising really hard. **Please note that as the office is always busy, parents will need to wait outside the main door until it is time to enter the production. In fairness to everyone who has queued in the cold, please do not save seats for late arrivals; they will need to sit wherever there are available seats.**

We look forward to seeing you at one of the performances. Thank you.



School Choir

Our school choir will be singing at the following events:

Saturday 15 December at 9.45am - House of Fraser in Sutton Coldfield - parents are welcome to watch.

Thursday 20 December, 1.30pm - The Oaks (residential home).

These are lovely opportunities for the children to perform to a variety of audiences and show the rewards of their hard work. I look forward to a high participation at all these events.



Christmas Lunch for Children and Staff

On **Tuesday 11 December** we will be having our Christmas lunch in school. This will be a non-school uniform day children can wear their Christmas jumpers on that day to get into the Christmas spirit. Thank you.



KS2 Carol Service

The KS2 Carol Service will be held in the school hall. The first event will be on:

Friday 14 December - refreshments at 9.00am and the service will start at 9.15am.

This will be repeated on:

Monday 17 December - refreshments at 2.15pm and the service will start at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us. Thank you.



Christmas Cinema Trip

EYFS and KS1 Monday 17 December (Meeting at Empire Cinema) (wearing full school uniform)



Year 3 and Year 4 Tuesday 18 December (As this is the PTA Christmas Disco children can wear their own clothes.) (Travelling from school, arrive at school 8.30am-8.40am)



Year 5 and Year 6 Wednesday 19 December (Travelling from school, arrive at school 8.30am-8.40am) (wearing full school uniform)



PTA Christmas Disco.

This will be held on **Tuesday 18 December from 3.20pm to 4.30pm**. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

Please pay £2.00 entrance fee via your Parent Pay account. The deadline for payment is Monday 10 December. Any payments after this date will not be accepted.

Children can bring in a maximum £3.00 spending money in a purse on Tuesday 18 December.

If you will be collecting your child/children before the end of the disco; please inform the school office before 12.00pm on **Tuesday 18 December**. Thank you. Also, if your child/children will not be going to Kids' Club after the disco please let Kids' Club know as soon as possible. Thank you.



Toy and Class Christmas Party Day

On **Friday 21 December** children can bring a toy into school. Please do not send your child with an expensive toy as the school will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to any items brought into school.



This will also be the day the children will be having Christmas class parties. Parents are asked for a **£1 donation** per child towards party food and prizes. Please send this into the class teacher in an envelope with your child's name and labelled "Party". Deadline for payment **is Monday 17 December**. Thank you for

your support. ***The children need to wear full school uniform for this day.***



Advent Accumulation Project

We are going to do something a little bit different this Advent! We are choosing to reverse things this Advent; instead of opening a door to chocolate, we are going to give instead.

We are going to make our own 3D Advent Calendar out of shoe boxes- each shoe box will be given a number from 1 - 24 with daily Advent reflections displayed inside to lead us in our journey to Christmas Day.

We would like your help to fill these shoe boxes with donations of unused toiletries, sealed packets of dry, non-perishable food within their sell by date, new socks and/or new underwear. Our Rights Respecting Team, Mini Vinnies and our Chaplaincy Team will then work together to choose a local charity to whom the good will be donated.

Your child can bring in items throughout the season of Advent and they will be given the opportunity to place their items in the shoe boxes. We are aiming for all shoe boxes to be filled! Please help us in this cause!



Birmingham City Council

Reception Intake - September 2019

In October 2018, the local authority wrote to parents/carers of children who are on roll at a community or private nursery advising them of how to apply for a Reception Class place for September 2019. To view a copy of the Parents' Information Booklet go online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The Local Authority will accept applications until the national closing date of **15 January 2019**. Thank you.



Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2019. These forms need to be signed by Fr Neil.

Fr Neil has received several supplementary forms for signature and realises the anxiety and concern of parents, but because of his recovery from cancer/surgery has not yet been able to sign them. He asks that parents be patient and is suggesting a time when he could **BREIFLY** meet with those who have left forms so that he may countersign them. He will be available on either Monday 10 December or Saturday 15 between 3.30-4.00pm. The deadline for these to be returned to the school office is **Friday 15 January 2019**.



£100.00 PTA Donation for Each Class

Our generous PTA has kindly donated £100.00 for each class, to spend on equipment that will enhance the children's learning experiences. A letter has been sent home with each child. We would love parents to share their views, ideas and suggestions on how this money should be spent. If you would like to put forward your ideas please return your comments to the school office no later than **Monday 10 December**. The ideas will then be shared with the children and a vote will be taken on how classes will spend their money. Thank you.



Year 4 visit to Aston Hall

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 4 on a visit to Aston Hall on **Tuesday 29 January 2019**. A voluntary donation of £13.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, workshop and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Monday 10 December**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 4 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque

To support the curriculum, arrangements have now been made to take all children in Year 6 on a visit to the Ghamkol Sharif Mosque in Small Heath and Islamic Exhibition Centre on **Tuesday 22 January**. This is to support the RE Curriculum and to promote good citizenship and community cohesion. The visit includes a tour of the mosque and provides the children with the opportunity to learn more about the Muslim faith.

As we believe that the understanding of other faiths is so important and the experiences that the children will be involved in are so beneficial the Parish has again agreed to subsidise the cost of this trip this year. We are very grateful for their generosity. Therefore, a small voluntary contribution of **£3.00** is now required to cover the cost of the donations to both the Mosque and the Exhibition Centre. **Due to the small amount please send payment in cash or cheque made payable to 'St John Paul II Multi Academy' by Monday 10 December. In an envelope marked 'Mosque Visit'**. A letter has been sent home if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil". An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing half a day every week that means four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.

Parents should also be aware that referrals to the school nurse will be considered for those children with an attendance rate of below 95% due to health related absences.

This week the Attendance Award was won by: Year 4 with 99.3% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6!



Recommendations:

EYFS: Hattie K, Louis McL **Year 1:** Eden T, Nylah B **Year 2:** Jay M, James W **Year 3:** Alice F, Anaha P

Year 4: Connor McC, Megan P **Year 5:** Darren A, Orlaith F **Year 6:** Maria L, Thomas S **Mrs Hope:** Thomas B (Y5).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Faith-Filled and Hopeful'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



Angel of the Week

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **Mr Hunt:** Oliver W **Mr Rowlands:** Joseph F **Miss Stevens:** Michael B **Miss Stevens:** Iris A **Miss Lovelock:** Heloise C **Mr Mayor:** Dylan G **Miss Cross:** Maria J (Y3) **Mrs Hope:** Olivia W (Y5).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Noah F, Skye T (EYFS) Cassandra G, Erin L-F (Y6).

Dates for Diary - December 2018		
Tuesday 11 December	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Multi skills at Bishop Vesey
Tuesday 11 December	2.15pm refreshments 2.30pm start	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'
Tuesday 11 December	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch for staff and children non-school uniform; wear Christmas jumper day!
Wednesday 12 December	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'
Friday 14 December	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	KS2 Christmas Carol Service
Saturday 15 December	9.45am	The choir singing at The House of Fraser
Monday 17 December	9.00am to 12.00pm	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 to Sutton Empire to watch 'The Grinch'
Monday 17 December	2.00pm refreshments 2.15pm start	KS2 Christmas Carol Service
Tuesday 18 December	9.00am to 12.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 to Sutton Empire to watch 'Nativity'
Tuesday 18 December	3.20pm to 4.30pm	PTA Christmas disco Non-school uniform day
Wednesday 19 December	9.00am to 12.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 to Sutton Empire to watch 'Nutcracker Four Realms'
Thursday 20 December	1.30pm to 3.00pm	The choir singing at The Oaks Residential Home
Friday 21 December	3.20pm	Break up for Christmas holidays
Dates for Diary - January 2019		
Tuesday 22 January 2019	All day	Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Tuesday 29 January 2019	All day	Year 4 Trip to Aston Hall

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T. Cotter

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