



Newsletter No 11

Dear Parents and Friends

Thursday 23 November 2017



Back to normal this week after being taken over last Friday! Thank you for supporting Children in Need last week, we raised £255.80!



We also said goodbye to Mrs Caroline Hibbard who has left our lunchtime team to take up a new role at Langley School. We thank her for her hard work while she was here. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in this role, please contact the school office.



To support the Christmas Fayre, next Friday (1 December) will be a non-uniform day. Please see the section below for further details. ***I also plead for more volunteers to help at this event; our PTA really needs you!***



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 30 November**. Everyone is welcome.



Mass of Commitment for Years 3 and 6

The Mass of Commitment for those children who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held **this Sunday at 10.30am in Church**.

This is a very important part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children shall attend. Any parents who cannot attend MUST contact Fr Neil. Thank you for your support.



Vacancy for Cello Lessons - KS2

There is a vacancy in cello lessons; these are held during the school day every Friday. If your child is in KS2 and is interested please contact the school office for further details. Thank you.



St Andrew's Day

On **Thursday 30 November** we will be celebrating St Andrew's Day. Children are to wear normal school uniform but with an element of blue e.g. socks, bow, blue tie etc. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Fayre on Friday 1 December from 3.20pm to 5.20pm

To support the our Christmas Fayre each child is asked to bring in the following items:



Thursday 30 November - Chocolate [Boxes, bars or whatever you have, all in date, thank you] Tombola donation. Thank you once again for your support it is appreciated.



Volunteers Needed

Can you please help at our Christmas Fayre? Please speak to the PTA; or give your details to the school office. Thank you.



Teddies Wanted

The PTA are asking for any unwanted teddies that can be donated for re-homing. There will be a teddy tombola at our Christmas Fayre. Please send your teddies into school no later than **Thursday 30 November**. Thank you.



Homemade Cakes or £1.00 Donations

To support our Christmas Fayre please note that **Friday 1 December** will be a **non-uniform day** and each child is asked to bring in the following:

Homemade cakes or £1.00 donation.

Thank you once again for your support, it is appreciated.



Christmas Fayre

We are looking for new and interesting stalls. Tables are £10.00 to rent. If you are interested in running a stall please leave your contact details at the school office. Thank you.



School Choir

Our school choir will be singing at the following events:

Friday 1 December 4.00pm to 4.30pm at Christmas School Fayre

Tuesday 19 December at 10.30am - Parish Pensioner's Christmas Lunch at the Church Hall.

Thursday 21 December, 1.30pm - The Oaks (residential home).

Saturday 16 December at 9.45am - House of Fraser in Sutton Coldfield - parents are welcome to watch.

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.

A letter has been sent home with children in the choir. This is to gain the parent's permission for their child to sing at the Christmas School Fayre and House of Fraser. Please sign and return no later than **Friday 24 November**. Thank you.



Year 5 Assembly - Kindness

Thank you to all the parents who attended Year 5 assembly; we hope that you enjoyed it!



Phonics Workshop Year 1

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended this workshop; we hope you found it both enjoyable and useful.



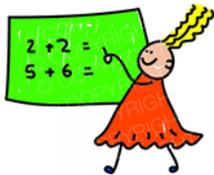
England Lionesses

On Tuesday, a mixture of girls from Years 5 and 6 had the fantastic opportunity to meet the England Womens' football team. After arriving at St. George's Park, the girls were greeted by the staff and then took to the stands to watch the team train. Then the girls got the chance to meet, talk, take selfies with the team themselves and get their autographs. The girls loved the experience, meeting their stars and they came away with some important life skills. The girls came away with the important message from the England players to "dream big" because they can achieve anything if they work hard towards it.



Advent Prayer Service

We start our journey towards Christmas next week when we hold our annual 'Advent Prayer Service' on **Friday 1 December** at 9.15am. This is a very reflective service which really helps us to focus on the important season ahead. We hope that you will be able to join us; you will be very welcome.



Mothers, Daughters and Mathematical Mindset Workshop- Monday 4 December

In response to parental feedback from both Inspire workshops and at Parents' evening, Mrs Howes has been exploring research into girls' mathematical mindsets and how to improve girls' views about Maths. There is a significant amount of research about the impact a mother's view can have on their daughter's perception of and confidence in Maths. Therefore, we would like to invite you to attend an afternoon tea style workshop to explore this further and share these findings with you. The session will be split into two parts. First, all mothers (of daughters) are invited to explore research and advice on mathematical language and perception. Following this, daughters will be invited to join us to share a cake and to discuss Mathematics in a positive light.

The workshop will take place on Monday 4 December 2017 at 2.00pm until 3.15pm.

A letter has been sent home with all the girls. Please complete and return to school no later than **Wednesday 29 November**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

CHEESE!



School Photographs

School photographs were sent home with children today. Please return orders to school no later than **9.00am on Thursday 7 December**. Any late orders parents will be required to send direct to 'Academy Photographers.' Thank you.

Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

On **Tuesday 9 January**, Year 6 is going on a trip to St Chad's Cathedral. Deadline for payment is **Tuesday 12 December** this is made payable via Parentpay. A letter has been emailed to parents; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



KS2 Carol Service

This year the KS2 carol service will be held in the school hall. The first event will be on: **Friday 15 December refreshments at 9.00am and the carols will start at 9.15am.**

This will be repeated on:

Monday 18 December refreshments at 2.00pm and the carols will start at 2.15pm.

All parents are welcome to come along to join in our carol service. Thank you.



Christmas Trip to watch Paddington 2

EYFS and KS1 = Monday 18 December (Meeting at Empire Cinema)

KS2 = Wednesday 20 December (Travelling from school)

We are all going on a trip to Empire Cinema, Sutton Coldfield. Deadline for payment is **Thursday 7 December** this is made payable via Parent Pay. A letter was emailed to parents giving further details; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



Christmas Dinner for Children and Staff

On **Tuesday 19 December**, we will be having our Christmas lunch in school. Every child is invited to take part, so if your child does not usually have a school meal, they are more than welcome to have one on that day. A letter has been sent home with children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. If your child has sandwiches the deadline for ordering a dinner is **Monday 11 December**. **Please note that due to the ordering of food, late payments will not be accepted.** If your child is in KS1 and normally has sandwiches you will need to order a child's meal but no payment is required due to the universal free school meal entitlement. **This will be a non-school uniform day. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on that day to get into the Christmas spirit.** A letter has been sent home with children who bring in packed lunch from home. Please contact the school office if you have not received a copy. 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 3 with 98.10% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6!



Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Ethan P, Cora L Year 1: James W, Daniel K Year 2: Anaha P, Harry W Year 3: Angel M, Niamh C Year 4: Thomas B, Emma McK Year 5: James D, Daisy C Year 6: Amy M, William H.



Class of the Week: Year 6.

Lunchtime Award: Cillian K (Y5).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Learned and Wise'. 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: **Miss Stewart:** Isabella S **Miss Stevens:** Jack W **Mr Hunt:** Iris A
Mr Mayor: Joseph K **Miss Lovelock/Mrs Howes:** Dylan G **Mr Rowlands:** Ten Junior Lionesses
Miss Cross: Isobel H, Sam K.



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

Daniel S (Y3), Isla H (Y4), Ethan L, James M, Charlotte L (Y5), Charlie B-H (Y6).



Dates for Your Diary - November 2017		
Friday 24 November	All day	Inset day-school closed to children
Sunday 26 November	10.30am-11.30am	Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6
Monday 27 November		HSBC in school
Dates for Diary - December 2017		
Friday 1 December	9.15am-10.00am	Advent assembly whole school - all welcome
Friday 1 December	3.20pm-5.20pm	Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 December	2.00pm-3.15pm	Mothers, Daughters and Mathematical Mindset Workshop
Tuesday 5 December	All day	Year 2 Trip to Thinktank Science Museum
Friday 8 December	9.00am-12.00pm	EYFS children having eye test
Monday 11 December		HSBC in school
Tuesday 12 December	2.15pm refreshments Starts 2.30pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance
Tuesday 12 December	All day	Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Wednesday 13 December	9.00am refreshments Starts 9.15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance

Thursday 14 December	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Christmas disco
Friday 15 December	9.00am Refreshments start 9.15am -10.00am	KS2 Carol Service in school hall
Saturday 16 December	9.45am-10.15am	School choir singing at House of Fraser
Monday 18 December	2.00pm refreshments start 2.15pm-3.00pm	KS2 Carol Service in school hall
Monday 18 December	9.00am-11.30am	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Trip to Empire Cinema to see 'Paddington 2'
Tuesday 19 December	10.30am-11.30am	School choir to sing at The Parish Hall for OAPs
Tuesday 19 December	12.00pm-1.00pm	Children and staff Christmas dinner - non-school uniform day children to wear Christmas jumpers
Wednesday 20 December	9.00am-11.30am	KS2 Christmas Trip to Empire Cinema to see 'Paddington 2'
Thursday 14 December	11.00am-11.30am	High Tea with Miss Cotter and Mrs Hope
Friday 22 December	All day	Toy Day - children must wear full school uniform
Dates for Diary - January 2018		
Monday 8 January		School reopens
Tuesday 9 January	All day	Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



Lord,
May we arise with hope for this new day.
Please come and enlarge my heart with your love.
May we feel inspired and alive today as we teach.

Lord, come be the wind in our sails today.
May we inspire each child to learn and feel excited about their lives.
Amen



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