

Newsletter No 10

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 20 November 2015

TAKEOVER DAY

Today has been a very strange but enjoyable day! Myself and my classmates have really enjoyed taking over the staff roles. I have had the pleasure in being Principal for the day. I have noticed that the young staff members have really taken on the role of being teachers, TAs and office staff very effectively. Thankyou for everyone for making the day such a success.

Master Le Fort

I would like to reinforce what my fellow Principal has just said. The children have been amazing today; really embracing the theme. To all Year 6 parents - you should be very proud of your children; they were FANTASTIC!

Miss Cotter



Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6

The Mass of Commitment for those children who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held on **Sunday 22 November at 10.30am in Church.**

This is a very important part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children shall attend. Thank you for your support.



Car Parking by Holy Cross Church

Message from Father Neil - think before you park. Please be considerate to your neighbours.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Children in Need 2015

We raised a grand total of £168.30! Thank you well done to our little super heroes.



Bags 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

We raised £128.00! Thank you for all your support.



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 26 November**. Everyone is welcome.



St Andrew's Day

On Monday 30 November we will be celebrating St Andrew's Day. This will be a non-uniform day and children are asked to wear '**Blue**' clothes. Thank you for your support.



Year 3 and the Ancient Egyptians

On Tuesday, Year 3 performed their class assembly based on the life and times of King Tutankhamun. It was a fantastic performance with lots of information, great acting and singing. Well done children, we are so proud of you.



Supplementary Forms

If you have a child who is due to start Early Years in September 2016, the deadline for the supplementary forms to be returned is **Friday 4 December**. Thank you.



HSBC

HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 23 November**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



History/Drama Topic Day for Year 2 Tuesday 24 November

A letter has been sent home with year 2 children regarding the above. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Postbox in main reception

In the main reception area by the office we have a postbox fitted on the wall. This can be used for correspondence for members of staff, payments for trips, dinner, music etc. Please place cash or cheques in a clearly marked envelope stating your child's name, class and what the payment is for. This will help parents avoid having to wait unnecessarily.



KS2 Carol Service Rehearsals

On **Friday 11 December** and **Monday 14 December** all the KS2 children will be going to Church at 1.30pm to rehearse for their Carol Service. On both days children are required to be collected from Church at 3.10pm, this will allow parents to collect siblings from school for 3.20pm. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 15 December, we will be having our Christmas lunch in school. Everyone 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 will be sent home with children giving further details.

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on that day to get into the Christmas spirit.



Cinderella

We have arranged for 'The Working Theatre Company' to visit the school on Thursday 17 December 2015 to perform Cinderella. This is a lovely Christmas pantomime for all children and is great value for money at £3.00 per child. Please send the correct money in a sealed envelope labelled 'Pantomime Visit' stating your child's name and class into school by Friday 4 December. Thank you.



Christmas Fayre on Friday 4 December from 3.20pm to 5.20pm

Please put this important date in your diary.

Towards our Christmas Fayre please note the following dates will be **non-uniform days** and each child is asked to bring in the following on that day:

Friday 27 November - Chocolate [Boxes, bars or whatever you have, all in date, thank you] Tombola donation

Friday 4 December - Mince pies or homemade cakes from KS1 and yule logs or homemade cakes from KS2.

Thank you once again for your support it is appreciated.



Volunteers

Calling any volunteers! Please come and help out at our Christmas Fayre, we would be extremely grateful, even half an hour to help with washing up would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact the school office and leave your details. Thank you for your support.



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? Whilst an attendance figure of 90% does appear to be good, this is equal to missing half a day every week and across the whole year, is equal to four weeks of missed school work!

This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 3 with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS and Year 3

Recommendations: EYFS: Daniel B **Year 1:** Whole of Key Stage One **Year 2:** Christie W, Harry M **Year 3:** Whole Class **Year 4:** Isobel H, Amy M **Year 5:** Alexandra H, Chris H **Year 6:** Ruby H, Andrea T

Lunchtime Award: Erin P

Class of the Week: Year 1



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 half term we are try to be attentive and discerning.

This week's winners are **EYFS:** Charlie G **Year 1:** Olivia A, Keela K **Year 3:** Enya B **Year 4:** Ben O'T



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

Jack B (EYFS).

Dates for your diary - November

Sunday 22 November	10.30am	Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6
Monday 23 November	am	HSBC in school
Wednesday 25 November	10.00am	Child Line Assembly for Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 27 November	all day	No school uniform - donation of chocolate
Monday 30 November	all day	Non school uniform day children to wear blue for St Andrew's Day

Dates for your diary - December

Tuesday 1 December	9.15am	Computer Xplorers assembly for children
Friday 4 December	3.20pm - 5.20pm	Christmas Fayre
Friday 4 December	all day	No school uniform - donation of cakes
Tuesday 8 December	1.30pm	Choir to sing at senior citizens lunch Church hall
Tuesday 8 December	2.30pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 9 December	9.15am	KS1 Christmas Production

Wednesday 9 December	12.30pm	Choir to sing at 'The Oaks'
Thursday 10 December	1.30pm	KS2 Carol rehearsal in Church
Thursday 10 December	3.20pm - 4.30pm	PTA Christmas Disco
Friday 11 December	1.30pm - 3.10pm	KS2 Carol rehearsal in Church collect children at 3.10pm
Saturday 12 December	9.45am	Choir singing at House of Fraser, Sutton Coldfield
Monday 14 December	am	HSBC in school
Monday 14 December	1.30pm	KS2 Carol rehearsal in Church collect children at 3.10pm
Monday 14 December	6.00pm	KS2 Carol service in Church
Tuesday 15 December	am	Flu Busters! Immunisation for Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 15 December	12.00pm	Christmas dinner for staff and children
Thursday 17 December	2.00pm	Pantomime company in school - Cinderella
Friday 18 December	All day	Toy Day children can bring one toy to school
Dates for your diary - January 2016		
Monday 4 January		Children return to school
Tuesday 12 January	All day	Life Education in school for KS2
Tuesday 19 January	9.15am	Year 4 Assembly
Tuesday 19 January	am	School nurse in school Year 6 height and weight check
Thursday 21 January	All day	School Council to London! Houses of Parliament
Saturday 30 January	time tbc	Swimming Gala at Stechford Cascades
Dates for your diary - February 2016		
Tuesday 2 February	9.15am	Year 5 Assembly
Thursday 4 February	7.00pm	Confirmation for Year 6

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

G Le Fort

Master G Le Fort
Takeover Principal

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



Today's Youth. Tomorrow's Leaders.

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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