



**Newsletter No 15**

Dear Parents and Friends

Thursday 22 December 2016



We have finally come to the end of a very busy term. On Saturday, we entertained the Christmas shoppers in House of Fraser; they have already asked us to come back next year! On Monday night we watched a beautiful Advent Service by KS2; our Mini Vinnies collected a fantastic £176.58! Thank you to all who attended to make this evening so special. On Tuesday we enjoyed our Christmas parties and we had a lovely time watching Wizard of Oz and yesterday the children enjoyed a range of Christmas activities and some of the Mini Vinnies delivered Christmas presents to the local community.

On behalf of the staff team, I thank you for all the cards and gifts and for your support during the term. The partnership between home and school is such an important one in the life of our school.

**And finally....On a personal note, I would like to thank all the dedicated and hardworking staff from all areas of the school for their hard work this term. They all work so hard to ensure the Children thrive in a safe, happy and exciting learning community; they really are a fantastic team. May they all enjoy a very well deserved break.**



**Mass:** Year 3 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 12 January, all welcome.

**ASDA**

**Year 1 Trip to Asda**

On **Monday 9 January** Year 1 is going on a trip to Asda, Minworth. This is in relation to their topic of 'Healthy Eating'.



**Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral**

On **Tuesday 10 January**, Year 6 is going on a trip to St Chad's Cathedral.



### Playground Sports Leaders

A letter was sent home on Tuesday with children in Year 5 and Year 6. In order to promote being active and leadership skills, 20 children from across the two years will be chosen to lead sports sessions at lunchtime in KS1. The children will need to complete the application form and then Mr Hunt will interview the children to select the final 20. They will then receive training to prepare them for these clubs where they will independently run a sports club for children in KS1. Mr Hunt will provide the necessary sports equipment, but the children will run the sessions independently. These sessions will help to prepare the children to become more confident and self-assured as well as building skills through leadership activities. The children will need to complete the form and return it to the school office by **Wednesday 11 January**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Swimming

Year 3 will resume their swimming sessions on **Thursday 12 January 2017**. Thank you.



### Dinner Money

If your child is in KS2 and has a school dinner the deadline for the payment of **£64.50 is Friday 13 January 2017**. Please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £64.50 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.



### Attendance - *Our school strives for 100% attendance.*

Did you know...? 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 5 with 97.50% Well done!  
The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the Christmas break:**

Jay M (EYFS), Alice F (Y1), Tyrese L (Y2), Eliza S (Y3), Anna J, Ava A, Imogen A (Y4),  
Uday P (Y5), Natalie S, Luke L (Y6).

| Dates for your diary - January 2017  |                |   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Monday 9 January                     | 8.50am         | Return to school  |
| Monday 9 January                     | Morning        | Year 1 trip to Asda   |
| Tuesday 10 January                   | All Day        | Year 6 trip to St Chad's Cathedral                                      |
| Thursday 12 January                  | 1.30pm         | Year 3 swimming   |
| Wednesday 18 January                 | 7.30pm         | PTA Meeting   |
| Wednesday 25 January                 | 9.00am-12.00pm | EYFS - School nurse to carry out hearing tests                          |
| Tuesday 31 January                   | 9.00am         | Academy Photographers in school - groups, teams.                        |
| Dates for your diary - February 2017 |                |   |
| Monday 6 February                    | 3.20pm-4.30pm  | PTA Spring disco  |
| Tuesday 7 February                   | 12.30pm-3.00pm | Year 5 at Bishop Walsh to watch production 'Going Back to the Eighties' |
| Thursday 9 February                  | 7.00pm         | Confirmation - Year 6 children  |
| Wednesday 15 February                | All Day        | Year 6 trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses                           |
| Friday 17 February                   | 3.20pm         | Break up for half term  |
| Monday 27 February                   | 8.50am         | Return to school  |

***\*Other dates available on website***

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

*T Cotter*

Miss T Cotter  
Principal



*The staff, Academy Committee and Board of Directors wishes you all a very happy and holy Christmas*



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