



Newsletter No 11

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 23 November 2018

TAKEOVER DAY

Takeover Day

What a brilliant day! I have had so much fun being Principal and taking over the role of Miss Cotter. Everyone in Year 6 has worked really hard on planning their lessons, teaching all the children, working in the office, being Vice Principal and Support Staff. We hope everyone else had a wonderful day, just the same as us. A great big thanks to all the teachers for giving us this wonderful opportunity.

Miss Appleton

Well I've had a great day; I think Ava and her staff could easily run the school! The children worked really hard and showed a very professional attitude in the way they confidently embraced their new roles. You should be very proud of them - well done to all of Year 6! Miss Cotter



Children in Need

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Children in Need last week, we raised £226.30!



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 29 November**. Everyone is welcome.

Letters sent to parents this week:

Whole School: Cinema Trip

Year 6: Tudor Grange Academy (Trenches)

Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Nasal Flu Vaccination

The immunisation team will be visiting our school on **Thursday 29 November** to give children in EYFS, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 the 'Nasal Flu Vaccination.' *This is for the children who didn't receive the nasal vaccination in October.*

Happy St Andrew's Day!

St Andrew's Day On *Friday 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.



Advent Prayer Service

We start our journey towards Christmas next week when we hold our annual 'Advent Prayer Service' on *Friday 30 November* 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.



Traditional Christmas Wreaths

An order form has sent home with children for traditional Christmas wreaths, costing £6.00 each. If you would like to place an order please return the slip to the school office no later than *Friday 30 November*. These will be available to collect at the Christmas Fayre. If you require a form please contact the school office. Thank you.



Christmas Fayre on Thursday 6 December from 3.20pm to 5.20pm

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



Friday 30 November - Chocolate [Boxes, bars or whatever you have, all in date, thank you] Tombola donation. Thank you.



£1.00 Donation- Non-school uniform

To support our Christmas Fayre please note that *Thursday 6 December* will be a *non-uniform day* and each child is asked to bring in £1.00 donation. Thank you once again for your support, it is appreciated.



EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production - Whoops-a-Daisy Angel

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. 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:

Tuesday 4 December at 10.30am - Parish Pensioners' Christmas Lunch at the Church Hall.

Thursday 6 December 4.00pm to 4.30pm at Christmas School Fayre

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.

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 23 November**. Thank you.



Christmas Lunch for Children and Staff

On **Tuesday 11 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. If this is the case, please log into Your Parent Pay account and order your child's lunch. The cost of the meal is £2.15; the deadline for payment is **Monday 3 December**. **Please note that late payments will not be accepted due to ordering of food.**

If your child is in KS1 and normally has sandwiches you will need to order a child's meal. Please place your order via the school office. No payment is required due to the universal free school meal entitlement. Deadline to order a meal is **Monday 3 December**. 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:

Friday 21 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)

Year 3 and Year 4 Tuesday 18 December (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)

Thanks to our generous PTA there will be no cost to parents for this trip! I am sure that you will join us in our gratitude for the amazing work they do for our children.

A letter has been sent home to parents giving further details; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy. Please complete and return the proforma to the class teacher no later than **Wednesday 5 December**.



PTA Christmas Disco. This day will be a non-uniform day.



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.



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 if this gets broken.



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.**

*For it is in giving
that we receive*

~ St. Francis of Assisi

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 donate these goods to.

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!



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

Arrangements have now been made to take the 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 6 with 96.3% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6



Recommendations:

EYFS: Freddie F, Marco S **Year 1:** Madison M, Ciara P **Year 2:** Florence H, Kaya G **Year 3:** Tommy M, Sienna M **Year 4:** Aaron H, Lola F **Year 5:** **Year 6:** Jacob H (Y2), Molly F (Y2) **Mrs Hope:** Phoebe F (Y4)

Lunchtime Award: Lola F (Y4)



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:** Olga P **Mr Rowlands:** Cora L **Miss Stevens:** Alex S **Miss Lovelock:** Caitlin K **Mr Mayor:** Olivia F **Miss Cross:** Leilagh K **Mrs Hope:** Maggie R (Y4)



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Daniel S (Y4) and Isla H (Y5)

Dates for Diary - November 2018

Thursday 29 November	10.00am	Immunisation team - flu nasal vaccination
Friday 30 November	9.15am to 10.00am	Advent Service - all welcome
Friday 30 November	All day	St Andrew's Day

Dates for Diary - December 2018

Tuesday 4 December	10.30am	Choir to sing at Parishioners' Christmas Lunch
Thursday 6 December	3.30pm to 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre Non-school uniform £1 donation
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
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
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



Miss A Appleton
Takeover Principal



Miss T Cotter
Principal



Today's Youth. Tomorrow's Leaders.

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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