

Newsletter Autumn 2 2017

Hello everyone, I hope you are enjoying all of the celebrations that happen this term. I hope those of you who celebrated Diwali enjoyed your time together as a family. Carol is very Christmas excited!

Christmas arrangements

Just a few dates for your diary –

Wednesday 6th December – Winter fair after school

Monday 11th December pm and Tuesday 12th December am-Performance for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 parents

Tuesday 12th pm and Wednesday 13th December am – Carol concert for classes 3, 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas dinner for the children/wear a Christmas jumper day

Thursday 21st December – party day

Friday 22nd December – last day – come back on January 8th 2018



Attendance

Rulings for this school year on fining parents and carers for taking children on holiday during school times follow directives from both local and national government. Fines can now be put through for any holidays taken in school time regardless of a child's attendance records. **The school does not issue fines. The local authority make decisions on fines.** The school's role is to give information to the Local Authority. As a school, we feel all children should be in school during term time unless they are ill. Please bear this in mind and only book holidays in the school holidays. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Questionnaires

I will be sending a parent questionnaire out shortly; please could you take a few minutes to fill it in as it helps me to understand how you view aspects of the school.

Building works update

The ramps at the side of the building are almost complete but there are a few adjustments to be made. Once these have been completed, I will send information out on their usage. The next phase is to extend the area at the back of the hall to provide room for parents in year one and two to stand and collect/drop off their children. This will also require widening of the path that runs by the cellar. Thank you for your patience whilst this work is being carried out.



Children in need

What a colourful day we had! We raised £178.15 from the donations and cake sale. Thank you to everyone, the money will go to the charity to help children who need extra support or are in vulnerable positions.

Christmas video

As with last year, staff are planning to make a Christmas video for the children. It will be on the website once it has been completed.

Last year's video is on the home page – previous events – scroll down to the video – remember Miss Orridge doing Shakin Stevens!

PE Funding

The Government have given all schools some money to spend on sports/PE. This year we have used some of this to buy a screen for the playground which will play exercise routines at playtimes & lunch time. Once staff have had training this will be used regularly.

Staffing

I would like to thank Miss Smith, who has been working as a Teaching Assistant in year two, for her support this term. She has covered for Miss Evan's maternity leave. Miss Smith has gained a management position in a day nursery. This is a fantastic opportunity & I wish her good luck for the future. I will organise another member of staff to continue the maternity cover.

Mrs Gibson, our year five teacher will also be leaving us to focus on her family. Again, I would like to wish her good luck for the future. Ms Welton, Miss Hadfield & Mr Scutts will continue to work with our year five pupils.

Kindest Regards

Mrs O'Connor
Headteacher