

# November Newsletter



It's that time of year again and Christmas is just round the corner!!

Over the coming weeks there are lots of exciting activities and celebrations planned for our children and families- it is going to be very busy!

As the weather turns cooler, please can I ask that all children bring appropriate clothing, including a waterproof coat and that additional care is taken by all members of our school community as the nights darken.

## **PTFA REMINDERS CHRISTMAS FAYRE and NON-UNIFORM DAY**

We are very excited about our forthcoming Christmas Fayre on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5pm-7pm. For this to be a success we need your help and support please with the following:

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform Day –
- Any unwanted school uniform for a second-hand stall
- Donations for the Raffle
- The choir will once again be entertaining us. Please could all members of the KS1 and KS2 choir be available from 4.50 as they will be singing at the start of the Fair. Then the KS2 choir will be required again at 6.10 just before the raffle is drawn.
- The school council will once again be running a cake stall and would be grateful for any donations of cakes, bakes and biscuits. Please could these be brought to school on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- **Most importantly, your support on the night!**



## Attendance



Please can I remind you that if your child arrives at school after 8.55 you must bring them to the office.

All absences must be reported to the school office. This can be done in person, via telephone, email or parent mail.

Our attendance policy can be found on the school website.

## Parent Feedback

It was lovely to welcome you all to our parent consultation day. Feedback from these meetings and the survey were once again hugely positive and I would like to thank you for your kind messages and support. If there are any aspects of your child's schooling and progress which arise, please email class teachers to arrange further discussion.

## Staffing

In January we will be welcoming two new members of Staff to our School. Mr Ben Carr will be joining us as Squirrels class teacher and over the coming weeks he will be joining us for transition days. We will also be welcoming Mrs Jenny Allcorn to our support staff team. We look forward to welcoming both Mr Carr and Mrs Allcorn to our Team.



### Arlo

Our School Dog, Arlo, has loved his first visits to school. He has spent time meeting the children who are all amazingly calm and gentle with him and is getting used to his surroundings. He will continue to develop his role in school, working with small groups, enjoying story time and walks with the children as he becomes more familiar with the busy school environment.

## Children in Need

We have raised an incredible £ 185.10 Thank you all for your generous donations.



### Christmas Jumper Day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December)

In aid of Save the Children, we will be asking all children to come to school in a festive jumper or brightly coloured clothing. All charity donations will be gratefully received.

## Choir

KS1 and KS2 choirs have been working hard over the past few weeks and they are excited to be performing to an audience. They will be singing at the school Christmas Fayre from 5pm until 5.10pm. The KS2 choir will be singing again at 6.10pm.

The KS2 choir will also be singing at the Ruby Hunt centre for the community lunch (during school time) and again at the Donington Christmas festival on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (time TBC). They are also busy preparing for Young Voices next year.



### **Reading**

We have enjoyed seeing everyone reading their brand new library books and have loved leading our reader of the week sessions. Soon, we are looking forward to introducing our school dog Arlo to these exciting sessions and celebrate reading together. Please keep an eye on our school website for a competition coming soon led by our reading ambassadors who are also working hard currently to earn their blue peter reading badges.

### **Christmas performances**

#### **EYFS/ KS1 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS/ KS1 performance will be held in church at 2pm and 5pm. Parents are invited to attend. We ask that this is limited to 2 parents attending one performance only due to church capacity.

For the 2pm performance children will walk back to school to be collected. In the evening please can children be dropped off at 4.45pm for a 5pm start and collected from church at the end (approx. 5.30pm) Further information regarding costumes/clothing will be sent out shortly via class emails from the class teachers.



#### **KS2 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

Our Key Stage 2 carol performance will be held at Church at 2pm. Parents are invited to attend, but we ask that this is limited to 2 parents only due to church capacity. All children will walk back to school for usual collection at 3.15pm. Please can all children wear a Christmas themed/ or bright and colourful jumper on this day.



#### **Disco Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be hosting Christmas Discos for all our children. Tickets are £1.50 per child payable via ParentMail.

EYFS/ KS1- 6pm-7pm

KS2- 7.15pm-8.30pm



### **November**

24<sup>th</sup> Non- Uniform – Bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fayre

### **December**

1<sup>st</sup> PTFA Christmas Fayre (5pm-7pm)

3<sup>rd</sup> Choir performance- Donington Market Place

7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day- Save the Children

7<sup>th</sup> KS2 Choir performance Ruby Hunt

8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Disco

12<sup>th</sup> Inclusion Team Cake and Coffee with Healthy Minds representative

13<sup>th</sup> EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance

14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Service

15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner

20<sup>th</sup> End of Autumn Term 2

### **January**

3<sup>rd</sup> Start of Spring Term 1