

NEWSLETTER - 30 NOVEMBER 2015



Christmas preparations in school are beginning and the children will be getting very excited. The next three weeks are going to be very busy in school and we are all looking forward to the celebrations.



CHRISTMAS POST - Our Christmas Post Box will be located in the main entrance to school with effect from Wednesday 2 December 2015, for the children to post Christmas Cards to their friends. The box is emptied each day by one of the classes and the cards distributed around school. Therefore, as well as including a name on the envelope, can you also include the relevant class number. Our Eco team has made a suggestion that you may wish to send just one card to the whole class instead of individual ones, obviously it is your choice, but they wanted us to pass on their idea.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Thank you for all the contributions received so far for this year's Christmas Fayre they are very much appreciated. However, we are still desperate for the following items: bottles, cakes/mince pies (either home made or bought). Please also remember to return any raffle tickets to make sure they are put in the draw on Friday. We also need as many volunteers as possible to help set up and/or help on the night - please contact the office if you can help. Parents told us that last year the wait for Santa's Grotto was too long, so this year we have implemented a queuing system. At the fair you can purchase a ticket from one of Santa's helpers this will have an allocated time slot for you to return and visit Santa. Finally, where possible can you please walk to this event as there is obviously limited parking in the Beekeeper car park and we do not want anyone to be issued with parking fines - thank you.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - Our Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 10th December 2015 the menu is as follows: - Turkey, Stuffing, Chipolata Sausage (Vegetarian Option is Quorn Roast)
Roast & Mashed Potatoes
Carrots & Sprouts
Ice Cream

Obviously if your child does not want a Christmas Dinner they may bring a packed lunch.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - This year's Christmas Party is being held on the last day of term and we will once again be providing all the party food. The children may come to school in their party clothes and stay in them all day. We will have a variety of party games and also a visit from a very special person! On the same day Staff will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children - obviously the children will not be taking part in this as they will be wearing their party clothes. However if you wish to make a donation for either or both of these events we will have some collection buckets available outside school on the morning of Friday 18 December 2015.

SUMMARY OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS - Please see attached a summary of this year's Christmas events being held in school - we don't want anyone to miss anything!

PARENT GOVERNOR - Following the recent Parent Governor Election process I am pleased to inform you that Richard Sample has been appointed as our new Parent Governor.

SCOOTERS Please do not leave scooters in the playground at the end of the school day. If your child has a play on their scooter after school and is not taking it home, please make sure it is returned to the scooter rack so that Mr Boyd does not have to collect them all in. Can I also remind everyone that the children must not scoot around in the playground when you come to school in the morning. We have had a number of near misses with younger siblings getting hurt! Thank you.

ATTENDANCE/LATENESS - At the end of this term we will be completing our termly attendance checks. If your child has an attendance of under 90% for the term this gives us cause for concern and we will follow this up with you. It is really important that your child attends school regularly. Please remember that we can no longer authorise any holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The school can request that the Local Authority issue a penalty notice if the circumstances warrant it - this would then lead to a fine. The school does not wish to issue any such penalty notices and would only do so after consultation with you to try to improve your child's attendance.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS/OTHER BENEFITS - The Local Authority have informed us that parents are now able to register and apply for free school meals through their public website and receive an immediate decision regarding their entitlement. The link to the website is https://emsonline.nottsec.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_L so please take the opportunity to check if you are entitled. Although all infant children receive a free meal if you are entitled due to your financial circumstances you will receive support in many other ways including purchase of uniform, free trips and after school clubs.

ACCIDENT - You may be aware that two of our children were involved in a road accident last week and I am really pleased to let you know that they are both now recovering well after this very frightening experience. The parents of the children have asked me to pass on their thanks to all of you who helped at the scene of the accident and to all of you who have supported them and sent their best wishes. Although road traffic accidents are more common at this time of the year this was extremely unfortunate in the way it happened and thankfully the children were very lucky in terms of the severity of their injuries. However, it serves as a reminder to please, please be as careful as possible when walking to and from school when it is dark at the beginning and end of the school day.

SCHOOL NURSE - The School Nurse will be available for a drop in session on Friday 11 December 2015 between 9.00 and 11.00 am. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child please call in (no appointment necessary).

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - We are delighted that our school has been chosen from many to receive a visit from the Great Britain Olympic Speed Skaters Team tomorrow. They will be talking to the whole school during an afternoon assembly and will be bringing their winning medals to show the children. Following this in January our Yr 2 children have been invited to watch them in speed races at the Nottingham Arena. A letter with further details will be sent to Yr 2 parents next week.

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FUTURE DIARY DATES - A timetable of events is given below for this term. Further details (including times) will be sent nearer the actual date of the event which will involve all classes (unless stated otherwise). Following this initial newsletter any additions or alterations from the previous newsletters are shown in *bold and italic*.

DATE	EVENT	Details/Letter already sent (if applicable)
<i>Tue 1 Dec</i>	<i>GB Olympic Speed Skaters visiting (pm)</i>	<i>See above</i>
Fri 4 Dec	Christmas Fayre - 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm	✓
Mon 7 Dec	Christingle Service (School Choir)	✓
Mon 7 Dec	Reception Nativity Performance - 10.00 am	✓
Tue 8 Dec	Reception Nativity Performance - 2.00 pm	✓
Wed 9 Dec	Carols in the Playground - 6.00 to 7.00 pm	
Thur 10 Dec	Christmas Dinner	<i>See above</i>
Thur 10 Dec	School Choir to Beeston Tesco - 3.00 pm	✓
Fri 11 Dec	School Nurse Drop in - 9.00 to 11.00 am	✓
Fri 11 Dec	School Choir to Richmond Court - 10.00 am	✓
Tue 15 Dec	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Panto - 10.00 am	✓
Tue 15 Dec	Jeffrey Jumper Magician	
Wed 16 Dec	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Panto - 2.00 pm	✓
Thurs 17 Dec	School Choir to perform to parents in school - 4.00 pm	✓
Fri 18 Dec	Christmas Party	<i>See Above</i>
Fri 18 Dec	Final day in school - break up for Christmas holidays	✓
Tue 5 Jan	Pupils & Staff return after Christmas holiday	✓