



We have had a great start to this half term in school. The children in Key Stage One are thoroughly enjoying their new topic on the Great Fire of London. They had a great 'Wow' day last week when they enjoyed drama, art and DT activities and then set fire to the houses they had made in the playground - very exciting! They are doing some fantastic work in class too and the Year 2 children are looking forward to the Barrack's trip tomorrow. In Reception the children are also working hard and are looking forward to their trip to Green's Mill. We are also beginning to think about the nativity so be prepared for lots of Christmas songs very soon! Don't forget to keep a look out for letters and texts about the various Christmas activities coming up.

REMEMBRANCE DAY - Thanks to everyone who bought a poppy - our collection tin will be given to the British Legion Representative next week and we will let you know how much was raised once they get back to us. The Year 2 children are visiting Chetwynd Barracks tomorrow and we will also be observing 2 minutes silence in school at 11.00 am.

OPERATION ORPHAN - We have been asked to let you know about an event that has been organised in order to raise funds for Operation Orphan. They are holding a fashion show at 7.00 pm on Monday 21 November 2016 at the Village Hotel in Chilwell and will include fashion lines from Next, Top Shop, White Stuff, Monsoon, M & S, Dorothy Perkins and much more in sizes 6-28. Admission is £3 in advance or £4 door and there will also be refreshments and a raffle. For more details and to buy tickets please use the following link www.operationorphanonline.org.uk

PARENTS FUND RAISING GROUP

Christmas Fayre - Raffle tickets for this year's Christmas Fayre were sent home earlier this week. We hope you can sell as many tickets as possible. (Extra tickets are available in the office). We have some really great prizes including luxury hampers, vouchers and family tickets to various attractions. A letter giving further information on this year's fayre will be sent home next week.

Design a Christmas Card - Thanks for all the lovely Christmas Card designs which have now been sent off to Cauliflower cards for printing. Your support with this has raised £103.50 for school funds. We will send out the completed Christmas cards as soon as we receive them. A reminder that we are awarding a prize for the best card designed in each year group (as chosen by the school council) and the winners will be notified and receive the prizes before the end of the week.

CHILDREN IN NEED - Please find attached a letter detailing how we are supporting 'Children in Need' on Friday 18 November 2016.

FIRE FIGHTERS VISIT TO MEADOW LANE - We have planned a visit from Highfields Fire Fighters on Friday 18 November 2016. All the children will have the opportunity to ask them questions and have a look round the Fire Engine.

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). Any additions or alterations from the previous newsletters are shown in *bold and italic*.

DATE	EVENT	Details/Letter already sent (if applicable)
Fri 11 Nov	Year 2 Children visit Chetwynd Barracks	✓
Fri 18 Nov	Children in Need Day - dress in pyjamas for £1 <i>School Council - 'Guess the number of spots on the Cake' before & after school on 17th/18th Nov</i>	See attached
<i>Fri 18 Nov</i>	<i>Highfields Fire Fighters Visit to School</i>	<i>See above</i>
Wed 23 Nov	Reception visit to Greens Mill	✓
Fri 25 Nov	Crafts for Christmas	Skills request letter only - main letter to follow ✓
<i>Thur 1 Dec</i>	<i>Choir singing at Richmond Court - 10.00 am</i>	
Fri 2 Dec	Xmas Fayre - 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm	
<i>Wed 7 Dec</i>	<i>Yr 1 children in Class 3 & Class 4 visit to Panto at Derby Arena</i>	
<i>Thur 8 Dec</i>	<i>Reception Nativity Performance - 10.00 am</i>	
<i>Fri 9 Dec</i>	<i>Reception Nativity Performance - 2.00 pm</i>	
Mon 12 Dec	Christingle (Choir children)	
Mon 12 Dec	Classes 1, 2 & 7 to Newstead Abbey	
Wed 14 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day	
<i>Thur 15 Dec</i>	<i>Widow Twankey's Winter Panto Party - 10.00 am (Yr 1 & Yr 2 performance)</i>	
<i>Thur 15 Dec</i>	<i>Choir singing at Chilwell Memorial Hall - 1.00 pm</i>	
Thur 15 Dec	Jeffrey Jumper Magician Christmas Performance- 2.00 pm	
<i>Thur 15 Dec</i>	<i>Carols in the Playground with the Salvation Army Band 6.00 to 7.00 pm</i>	
<i>Fri 16 Dec</i>	<i>Widow Twankey's Winter Panto Party - 2.00 pm (Yr 1 & Yr 2 performance)</i>	
Tue 20 Dec	Christmas Party Day	
Tue 20 Dec	Final day in school - break up for Christmas holidays	

Please see letter below about Children in Need

MEADOW LANE INFANT SCHOOL



To all Parents/Carers

10 November 2016

We are supporting Children in Need in two different ways this year and we hope you can help in the following ways: -

The School Council are organising a 'Guess how many spots on the cake' competition. They will be selling 'guesses' to parents and children before and after school on Thursday 17 November 2016 in the playground, and before school on Friday 18 November 2016. The guesses will be sold for 50p each and the lucky winner will receive the cake.

We are also asking that all the children wear 'Pyjamas for Pudsey' on Friday 18 November 2016 and bring £1 donation into school for Children in Need.