



MEADOW LANE INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER - 12 DECEMBER 2016

It doesn't seem possible that we are heading towards the end of the Autumn term already. We have had another busy term and we are all really proud of the children and their achievements. As a school we have worked this term to develop our teaching of reading and we have purchased some new resources for Guided reading. We have also been refining our assessment system and we have been working with our colleagues in our family of schools to moderate our assessments. The teaching staff have also accessed some PE training in multi-skills at Chilwell. We have enjoyed working more closely with our colleagues at College House and we are looking forward to developing this relationship further in 2017. We are still awaiting the DFE decision on the amalgamation - as soon as we hear anything we will let you know.

The Reception children did an excellent job in their performances last week and we are looking forward to the Yr 1 & Yr 2 Panto this week. I would also like to congratulate the choir on their brilliant performances at Richmond Court, Christmas Fayre, Sainsbury's & Tesco. We are looking forward to the Christingle tonight and a reminder that Choir parents are welcome to watch the Choir (from 4.15pm after their final choir session of the year on Thursday 15th December). Choir will re-start in the New year on Thursday 12 January 2017.

A reminder that we have our 'Carols in the Playground' on Thursday 15 December with the Salvation Army Band from 6.00 pm to 7.00. We do hope you can join us for Carols, Mulled wine, and hot roast pork & turkey cobs on sale. Other events the children have to look forward to include Christmas Dinner, Jeffrey Jumper (Magician) and the Christmas Party on the final day of term.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Thank you to all the parents/carers and friends of Meadow Lane who helped to make this year's Christmas Fayre such a fantastic success. There were so many of you involved that I cannot thank you all personally, but without your incredible support and generosity our annual fund raising event would be unable to take place. All of you who attended, donated and made cakes etc are part of this and you should be extremely proud of yourselves!! We have finally counted all the money raised from the Christmas Fayre and I am delighted to inform you that with all your help we raised £1,524.58 which will be used towards resources in school. Thank you again to everyone involved. A big thank you to Catherine Stacey & Clare Chapman who took the lead roles in organising the fayre.

Raffle Prizes

1st Prize - Swing Set - Mrs Saunders

2nd Prize - Family Fun Package - Ted Chapman

3rd Prize - Hair & Beauty Package - Alexandros

Plus 17 other prize winners who have all been informed and prizes collected

Lucky Programme Draw - Karen Swift

Guess the Name of the Reindeer - "Gloria" - Prize collected on evening of Fayre - Lila Ellis (Class 5)

Guess the Number of Sweets - 123 - nearest guess was 117 by Harry Dietz (Class 5).

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CHRISTMAS PARTY - Reminder that this will be held on Tuesday 20 December 2016. Children to come to school in their 'party clothes' and stay in them all day - we will also be getting a visit from a very special person! We are looking forward to welcoming the Reception children from College House too.

SING-A-LONG AT COLLEGE HOUSE - we will be joining College House for a Christmas Sing-a-long at 9.30 am on Tuesday 20 December - we need some parents to help walk to and from this event - leaving Meadow Lane at 9.15 am and College House at approximately 10.30 am. Please inform the office if you can help

SPRING TERM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Please find attached a summary of the planned 2017 Spring Term After School Clubs.

APPEAL - We are delighted to inform you that with your kind donations we raised £135.27 for this year's poppy appeal.

ATTENDANCE - During the first week of the new term we will be presenting certificates to all those children who have achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. This is a magnificent achievement and we are pleased to be able to reward the children in this way.

CLOTHING COLLECTION - Following the recent clothing collection we have received a cheque for £67.20 for school funds - thanks for your donations.

READING - The children will be sent home with reading books to keep them going over the holidays. Keep reading regularly and remember to write in the reading diaries. Please return any school books you find at home. **PLEASE SEND BACK ANY SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS THAT YOU HAVE AT HOME SO THAT WE CAN AUDIT OUR STOCK. WE WILL START THE LIBRARY UP AGAIN IN THE NEW YEAR.**

REMINDERS

Please wash and return any outstanding nativity costumes/spare clothes after Christmas.

Can you also check at home for clothes borrowed when your child has been changed and also if your child is ill in school please remember to take any soiled clothes home! Thanks

And finally..... The staff would like to thank you all for your support this term. It has been very busy as usual but the children have continued to behave well and have joined in everything with great enthusiasm! On a personal note, I would like to thank all the staff at school for their combined hard work and commitment and for helping to make Meadow Lane the special place it is. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Take care over the holidays and we will see you all on **THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 2017.**

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FUTURE DIARY DATES - A final timetable of events is given below for this term with a few dates included for January - we will include other dates on the first newsletter of the new year.

DATE	EVENT	Details/Letter already sent (if applicable)
Mon 12 Dec	Christingle (Choir children)	✓
Mon 12 Dec	Classes 1, 2 & 7 to Newstead Abbey	✓
Wed 14 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day	
Thur 15 Dec	Widow Twankey's Winter Panto Party - 10.00 am (Yr 1 & Yr 2 performance)	✓
Thur 15 Dec	Jeffrey Jumper Magician Christmas Performance- 2.00 pm	
Thur 15 Dec	Final Choir Practice for this year (with short performance for parents at 4.15 pm)	✓
Thur 15 Dec	Carols in the Playground with the Salvation Army Band 6.00 to 7.00 pm	✓
Fri 16 Dec	Widow Twankey's Winter Panto Party - 2.00 pm (Yr 1 & Yr 2 performance)	✓
<i>Fri 16 Dec</i>	<i>Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children - (Staff only) - donations to Save the Children</i>	
Tue 20 Dec	Christmas Party Day	See above
<i>Tue 20 Dec</i>	<i>Final day in school - break up for Christmas holidays</i>	✓
<i>Thur 5 Jan</i>	<i>Pupils return to school after Christmas holidays</i>	✓
<i>Tue 10 Jan</i>	<i>Yr 1/Yr 2 Before School Multi skills club starts</i>	✓
<i>Mon 16 Jan</i>	<i>1st Spring Yr 2 Lets Get Cooking Club</i>	✓
<i>Mon 30 Jan</i>	<i>1st Yr 2 Dance After School Club</i>	