



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017



Dear Parents,

The countdown to Christmas has started. Our EYFS children visited Santa this week – please have a look at the photos on Twitter showing how excited the children were. Thank you to Nursery parents in helping with the walking to and from Garners. Our Key Stage 1 were invited to Newcastle College to watch their production of Alice through the Looking Glass and loved every minute of it. We are busy preparing for our performances next week, Christmas disco, our Christmas dinner and our KS2 trip to see the Aladdin panto. It's guaranteed to be an exciting week here at school.

### **PTFA Christmas Raffle:**

We have started to sell tickets for this year's Christmas raffle. We have a large range of fantastic prizes on offer, hampers, family day out vouchers, food vouchers, a balance bike, a scooter and much, much more. Tickets are £1 per strip; they are being sold in school to the children at tuck and lunchtime, but can also be brought from the office at the end of the day. Can I thank you for the wonderful donations some of our parents have been able to get for us and your support in buying the tickets and raising money for your children through the PTFA.

### **Medicine in school:**

Under strict guidelines, we are now **UNABLE** to administer any medicine **NOT** prescribed by a medical professional, for example Calpol, cough linctus etc. We hope you will support us on this matter.

### **Breakfast Club:**

As from today the kitchen will be unable to provide bacon baps at breakfast time on Fridays, bacon baps will be on the menu for Friday tuck as usual. The kitchen, do however provide a wide variety of hot and cold items for breakfast.

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%**. This week we achieved **94.3%**.

### **Clubs:**

This week was being our last for all clubs; we hope the children have enjoyed them. We will start new clubs after Christmas, which will be week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The cut off day for ordering a Christmas dinner for your child was Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The kitchen has now ordered the food for the day and therefore we are unable to add any children to the list sorry. If you have not requested/paid for a lunch you will need to send your child into school with a packed lunch from home.

### **Christmas Jumper Day:**

We will be raising money for a local children's charity this year, please bring £1 and wear your Christmas jumper / top on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas dinner day). It will be a non-uniform day so need for school trousers, skirts etc.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS / MORRISONS VOUCHERS:**

We are still offering a £20 gift voucher for Morrison, for any new free school meals claims that are successful. For further details please contact the school office.

Well done to the following children who won this week: Kai Bailey, Faith Ballard, Ivy Hammond, Tegan Stevenson, Calixta Issa, Alexis Dudley, Alfie Hulme-Jones, Ella-May Wood and Louise Everill

**Good to be Green:**

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Marcus Meyrick-Pellington, Leo Chen, Koli Brookes-Pointon, Liam Malcolm, Declan Jones, Luca Romila, Ruby Ballard, Cadence Simpson and Lincoln Sargeant-Brookes.

**Team Stars:**

The running total so far:

Endeavour(blue) 27 Stars, Pioneer(green) 21 Stars, Voyager(yellow) 27 Stars, Discovery(red) 25 Stars.

**Christmas Dates for the diary:**

Date	Event
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Performance at 1.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	EYFS and KS1 Disco 5.30 to 6.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	KS2 Disco 6.30 to 7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	EYFS Christmas Performance at 9.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Performance at 1.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Years 3-6 Aladdin Panto leaving at 9.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church 9.15am
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas parties afternoon - in school time
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Autumn Progress Assembly 9:15
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Year 6 to sing at Mill Rise 1.30 to 3pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	School closes for Christmas holiday

**No Smoking Policy:**

Please can I remind you all that smoking and the use of e-cigarettes is strictly forbidden on our school and Library grounds. Thank you for your continued support.

**Contacting the School:**

If you are contacting the school by telephone, please use the options to help you contact the right person for your query, a short message will be played giving you options, please choose **option 1** to report your child absent, **option 2** to speak to Miss Middleton our Home School linker worker, **option 3** for Mrs Moore in Finance, **option 4** to speak to the kitchen and **hold the line** to speak to Mrs Brown in the office.

**Winter Weather:**

Please see attached information regarding snow and bad weather. We will inform the local radio stations Radio Stoke and Signal Radio, who will make an announcement if the school is closed. A text message will be sent to the mobile phone number we have on our records (please inform the school of your new number if you changed it). School closures will be listed on the Staffordshire County Council site please follow the link below.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx> Please note you can sign up for an alert to your mobile if you log on to the site.