



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
15th December 2017



Dear Parents,

I have been so proud of our wonderful children this week. They have performed so well in their Christmas productions- we really do have talented singers. Myself and the staff would like to thank all parents and friends who have joined us in our celebrations this week it has been fantastic to see the school so busy. It has been difficult week weather wise and unfortunately we had to make a decision on Monday to close the school for health & safety reasons, it is a very difficult decision to make as we realise this impacts on working parents. We would like to thank you all for your support over the last year and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

PARKING

We have had a few near misses this week when parents have parked on the Staff car park by the school office. Can we please ask you to park on the Library car park to keep all our children safe.

PTFA Christmas Raffle:

We are continuing to sell tickets for this year's Christmas raffle until Tuesday 19th December. 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. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of the school term.

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.

Worship and Church News:

Our School's Christian values are COMMUNITY, RESPECT AND PERSEVERANCE.
Autumn Term: Community.

During Worship this week we have been focusing on advent. We have thought about what Christmas is all about. Please help us to remember that Jesus is the real reason for the party season and honour him at our Christmas celebrations.

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:6. This week's prayer:

Dear God,
Let us remember that;
Faith makes all things possible,
Hope makes all things work,
Love makes all things beautiful,
We pray for all three for these this Christmas
Amen.



Attendance:

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%** .This week we achieved **91.6%**.

Clubs:

We will start new clubs after Christmas, which will be week commencing 8th January 2018.

Christmas Jumper Day:

We have raised **£192.30p** for the Alice Charity this year, can we thank you for the donations and wonderful support for this fantastic charity, the Alice Charity work with families throughout the Newcastle area.

Flu Vaccine:

Just to confirm that the Immunisation Team will be visiting our school on Monday 8 January 2018, for more information please see below website. The session will start at 9.30 am and will last approximately 2 hours.

<https://www.staffordshireandstokeontrent.nhs.uk/Services/school-Age-immunisation-team.htm>

Christmas Dates for the diary:

Date	Event
18 ^h December 2017	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church 9.15am
18 th December 2017	Christmas parties afternoon - in school time
19 th December 2017	Autumn Progress Assembly 9:15
19 th December 2017	Year 6 to sing at Mill Rise 1.30 to 3pm
19 th 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.

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.

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.