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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 12thDecember 2014**



**Following in Jesus’ footsteps…**

**We pray together**

**We play together**

**We learn together**







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| http://www.educationcommission.org.uk/SiteImages/107.jpgCome and See |
| This week we started our new RE topic of Advent. Advent means coming. We think of the coming of Jesus, when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. Discuss with the children how your family welcome visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent eg. Advent Wreath, calendar and Jesse tree. |

**Our school Prayer**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at home,

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at school,

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless all the families of the world

**Amen**

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| **Many congratulations to our**  **Christmas Card winners**  **from each class.** | |
| Reception Class | Iris Williams |
| Year 1 | Sofia Morento-Martinez |
| Year 2 | Lara Moss |
| Year 3 | Chloe Sewill |
| Year 4 | Jessica Need |
| Year 5 | Eleanor Williams |
| Year 6 | Alfie Saunders |
| The overall school winner, who will be the VIP guest at the Ecumenical Service is:  Iris Williams  Many congratulations | |

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| **What’s happened this week?** | |
| **KS1 & KS2 Christmas Plays**  The children in the Y1 – Y5 classes performed their Christmas Plays this week. The children were absolutely fantastic and we would like to give all the staff very special thanks for preparing the children so well. Many thanks to all of you who came along to support the children. We had a packed house for every performance! | |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **Whole School Pantomime**  The whole school will be going to The Brindley in Runcorn on Thursday 18th December to watch Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs. The children will be leaving school immediately after lunch and will return at approximately 4.15pm. In order to stop any congestion on Hall Lane we would appreciate it if you would please not park any cars on the road as the coaches will be returning at the same time. We appreciate your co-operation.  **Height & Weight Checks**  The school nurse will be coming into school on Tuesday 16th December to visit the children in the reception class. Letters were sent home from the school nurse (via school) asking for permission for the height and weight checks to take place.  **Y6 Christmas Carol Singing**  As in previous years, the children in the Y6 class will be carol singing out in the community to raise funds for CAFOD. This will be taking place on Monday 15th December. Please note that this is a change of date from the previous newsletter. A separate letter has now been sent home.  **Christmas Dinner**  All children are welcome to enjoy a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December. A letter has already been sent home. We would be grateful if you could indicate if your child would like the meal on this date and return to us as soon as possible. Unfortunately there is not an alternative meal on this day.  **Grandparents’ Party**  All grandparents of children in Year 2 are invited to a Christmas party on Monday 15th December at 1.45 pm. We do hope that you will be able to come along and join us.  **Y3 IPad Day**  Mr Alan Ellis will be coming into school on Tuesday 16th December to work with the children in the Y3 class.  **Dinner Money**  We would be grateful if any outstanding dinner money could be paid on Monday next week. This money needs to be banked before we break up for the Christmas holidays and all records must be up to date. |

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| **Holidays in School Term**  On 1st September 2013, the Education Regulations 2013 came into force changing the rules about term-time holidays. The amendments specify that headteachers **may not** grant any leave of absence during term time unless it is considered under ‘exceptional circumstances’.  The Governing Body have agreed to support this process and have asked that all letters asking for permission and detailing reasons why such a request has been made be brought to a small committee so a decision can be made.  In order to support this process, we would ask that parents/carers give **at least 1 term’s notice** so this request can be put to Governors.  Parents/Carers will receive a letter notifying them of the decision made. |

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| **Polite Reminder** |
| Earrings  This is just a reminder that earrings should not be worn during the school day please. This is a health and safety issue especially during play times and PE lessons. |

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| **PTFA News** |
| Many thanks to everyone for all of the support over the last term. We have raised the fantastic amount of over £1200.00 for all the different events.  This will be of benefit to all the children in the school.  Hope you all have a fabulous Christmas. |

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| **Spotlight on Y3**  This week we have practised with Y4 & Y5 for our play which was called The 12 days of Christmas.  It was about a couple called Linda & Bob.  I was a piper and had to wear a kilt and pretend to play the bagpipes. I was a goose and had to wear a long grey tee shirt and skins. We had to dance to footloose and I was worried about it but it was okay and I had to do good moves.  The play was really good.  I liked the five gold rings best. Some of the children had to stand at the front and hoola hoop.  Nieve was really good at it.  Many thanks to Eva & Harry |

**After School Clubs**

Please note that these have now finished until the New Year.

All clubs will begin again w/c 12th January.

All children will be notified of the clubs they will be able to

start in the first week back.

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **December** | |
| Monday 15th | Year 6 Carol Singing Trip |
| Monday 15th | Year 2 Grandparents’ Party 1.45pm |
| Tuesday 16th | Village Ecumenical Service in Church @ 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 17th | Whole School Christmas Dinner |
| Thursday 18th | Whole School Panto Trip to The Brindley |
| Friday 19th | Break up @ 2pm |
| January 2015 | |
| Monday 5th | Return to school @ 8.55am |
| Monday 12th | After school clubs to begin |
| **May 2015** | |
| Saturday 9th | Holy Communion & Confirmation @ 10am & 12pm |

**And finally…**

**A positive thought for the week to promote discussion in the classroom and at home…**

**I think for myself**.

I know that in every situation, I have a choice.

I know that smart choices are choices that are good for me,

that do not hurt anyone including myself.



Many thanks

Mrs Hannah

