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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 21stNovember 2014**

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**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**

**Certificate Assembly did not take place last week due to the**

**Children in Need Talent Show held in classes.**

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| **What’s happened this week?** | |
| **Y5 Bikeability**  Well done to the children who took part in the bikeability on Wednesday. The team who attended from Bikeability commented that the behaviour of the children was exceptional! They will be visiting us again next week.  **Children in Need**  Many thanks to everyone who gave so generously for the different activities on Friday. We managed to raise £566.86. Special thanks to Mrs Ryan and Ruby who very kindly donated lots of change at the end of the day.  **Parent Meetings**  Many thanks to everyone who came along to the meetings on Monday. It was lovely to see so many of you and we hope that you now have lots of information regarding the progress of your child.  **Open Night**  On Thursday, we held our annual Open Night for all prospective new parents and children. Special thanks to the children in Y6 who carried out the guided tours and all children who came to help the teachers in the classrooms. All visitors were extremely impressed with all the children.  **Reception Stay & Play**  All parents and carers of children in the Reception Class were invited to a Stay & Play afternoon earlier today. Mrs Evans held a writing meeting beforehand and then joined the class for a lovely Christmas afternoon. Many thanks to everyone who came along. | |
| **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. More details will follow nearer to the time.  **Reception Christmas Play**  The children in the Reception class will be performing their Christmas Play on Wednesday 3rd December at 9.30am. All are welcome to join us.  **KS1 Christmas Play**  The children in the Y1 and Y2 classes will be performing their Christmas Play on Monday 8th December and Tuesday 9th December at 4pm. Tickets are not required and all are welcome.  **KS2 Christmas Play**  The children in Y3, Y4 & Y5 will be performing their Christmas Play on Wednesday 10th December and Thursday 11th December at 4pm. Tickets are not required and all are welcome.  **Y6 Christmas Carol Singing**  As in previous years, the children in the Y6 class will be carol singing to raise funds for CAFOD. This will be taking place on Friday 12th December. Further details will follow nearer to the date.  **Robinwood**  Many thanks to everyone who has now sent payment into school. We would be grateful if any outstanding medical forms could be returned to school as soon as possible.  **Bikeability**  Bikeability will continue for the children in the Y5 class on Wednesday 26th November. Children are to come dressed in suitable clothing which must cover all arms and legs. They can wear jogging bottoms and school jumpers and coats. All bikes must have 2 working brakes and please ensure that your child brings a helmet.  **Reception Trip**  The children in the Reception class will be having a festive walk up Pex Hill and stopping off at Cronton Garden Centre to choose the school Christmas Tree on Friday 28th November at 1.15pm. The children will be visited by Fr Christmas while they are there. A letter giving further details was sent home on Wednesday.  #  **Football Competition**  On Monday 24th November selected children in the Y3 class will be taking part in a football competition at Prescot Soccer Centre. Letters have already been sent home to the children involved.  **Christmas Dinner**  All children are welcome to enjoy a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December. A letter has been sent home tonight. 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.  **Dinner Money**  Dinner money for this term is £58.10 this equates to 5 weeks @ £8.50 and 2 weeks at £7.80 which includes the special event days. If paying by cheque please make it payable to KMBC. Many thanks |

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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** |
| **Dogs on the School Playground**  We would be grateful if you could please ensure that all dogs are kept under adult supervision at all times when on the school playground.  **Notification for school collection**  We would be grateful if you could please notify us before lunchtime if another parent/carer will be collecting your child. We are inundated with calls in the afternoon and it is becoming more of an issue getting messages to teachers without interrupting teaching time. Many thanks for your co-operation.  **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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| **Spotlight on Y1**  We have been reading Spaceman Bob.  The important thing to remember is that you need a special suit when you go to the moon as there is no oxygen and without a suit you would die. Also there is no gravity so everything floats, like if you let go of your pen now it would drop, but on the moon it would just float. Spaceman Bob came to see us when we were in the Reception Class and he was the real thing! Tomorrow we are going to make a big spaceship out of wood. Mr Evans brought lots for us and we will paint it. I hope it will be red or blue.  In the story the moon smells of cheese but is made of rock. Spaceman Bob meets his friends and they share a picnic before he comes home again.  Many thanks to Lauren and Zak |

**After School Clubs**

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|  | **Mon** | **Tues** | **Weds** | **Thurs** | **Fri** |
| **Y1** |  | **Cookery Club** until 4.15pm  **Ipad club** until 4pm | **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm |  |  |
| **Y2** |  | **Cookery Club** until 4.15pm  **Ipad club** until 4pm | **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm |  |  |
| **Y3** |  | **Gardening Club** – **Cancelled** | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm  **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm | **Dance** until 4.15pm |
| **Y4** |  | **Gardening Club - Cancelled** | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm | **Dance** until 4.15pm |
| **Y5** | Rugby until 4.15pm | **Gardening Club – Cancelled**  **Cookery Club** until 4.15pm  **Netball Club** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** Ends at 4pm |  |
| **Y6** | **Rugby** Until  4.15pm | **Gardening Club** –  Cancelled  **Cookery Club** until 4.15pm  **Netball Club** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm |  |

Unfortunately gardening club is cancelled next week.

Please note that next week is the last week for **all**

after school clubs.

All clubs will recommence on Monday 12th January.

Any changes to groups for after school clubs will be

announced in the first week back after Christmas.

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **November** | |
| Monday 24th | Y3 Football |
| Wednesday 26th | Y5 Bikeability |
| Friday 28th | Reception Trip to Pex Hill @ 1.15pm |
| **December** | |
| Wednesday 3rd | Reception Class Play @ 9.30am |
| Wednesday 3rd | PTFA Christmas Disco – Whole School from 4-5.30pm |
| Monday 8th | Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play @ 4pm |
| Tuesday 9th | Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play @ 4pm |
| Wednesday 10th | Year 3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Play @ 4pm |
| Thursday 11th | Year 3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Play @ 4pm |
| Friday 12th | Year 6 Carol Singing |
| Tuesday 16th | Village Ecumenical Service in Church @ 7pm |
| Wednesday 17th | Whole School Christmas Dinner |
| Thursday 18th | Whole School Panto @ The Brindley |
| **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…**

People do not have to think like me for me to feel good.

I can **feel good** even when people think differently.



Many thanks

Mrs Hannah

