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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 28thNovember 2014**



**Following in Jesus’ footsteps…**

**We pray together**

**We play together**

**We learn together**



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| Come 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 Reception Class Stay & Play**

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| **What’s happened this week?** | |
| **Bikeability**  Bikeability continued this week and has now been completed by the children in the Y5 class. The children were congratulated on their exceptional behaviour, which is lovely to hear. Well done children.  **Football Competition**  Well done to the children in Y3 who took part in a football competition on Wednesday. The children played extremely well.  **Athletics**  Selected children in Y5 & Y6 participated in an athletic competition at St Edmund Arrowsmith and finished in first position! Congratulations to all 16 children who were in the team and they will now compete in the second round in the New Year. We are very proud of you all. Well done!  **Reception’s Christmas Trip**  The children have been on a very special walk today, starting in our Magical Christmas Wildlife Garden, then up to Pex Hill and a special visit to Cronton Garden Centre, where they have chosen a beautiful Christmas Tree for the school hall. Many thanks to the many family members that joined them on their walk.  **Anti-Bullying**  Over the last two weeks, the children have all been thinking about Bullying and how we can all work together to tackle any problems we may face and keep ourselves happy and safe. They have shared their work in a special Anti-Bullying Assembly today. | |
| **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 *Jesus’ Birthday* 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 *The Santa Trap* 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 *The Twelve Days of Christmas* 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 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 letter will follow shortly.  **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.  **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  **PTFA Christmas Disco**  Our PTFA Christmas Disco takes place in the Holy Family Social Club on Wednesday 3rd December from 4pm to 5.30pm. Tickets are still on sale at £3. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. |

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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 Y4**  **We have been learning about persuasive writing. We have also been learning about discrete and continuous data. We have done a bar chart to see how many people like certain things. We did a chart first to see how many of us had dogs and pets. Group 2 did a chart to see how many of us liked certain colours of car. Yesterday we made musical instruments from cereal boxes and elastic bands in design and technology. We have started a new RE topic the new topic is Gifts. In Big Write today we have written about trying to get new people to come to our school.**  **Many thanks to Alice and James** |

**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 which clubs they can now commence in the first week back.

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **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 |
| 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…**

If I stop and **think before I do things**.

I know I will do the right thing.

I know what the right thing is. I only need to follow my heart.



Many thanks

Mrs Hannah

