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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 5thDecember 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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| Year Group | Achievement Certificates | Dojos  Certificate |
| Year 1 | Charlie  Ciara  James  Casey |  |
| Year 2 | Frankie  Tailor | Jack |
| Year 3 | Fin  George  Summer | Evie |
| Year 4 | James  Ethan  Isobella | Christopher |
| Year 5 | Daisy  Flynn  Eleanor | Jessica |
| Year 6 | Alfie  Natalie  Jacob | Lucy |

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| **What’s happened this week?** | |
| **Reception Christmas Play**  The children in the reception class performed their Christmas play on Wednesday morning. I’m sure that you will agree the children were fantastic. Special thanks to Mrs Evans, Mrs Connolly and Miss Langton who prepared the children so well. | |
| **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.  **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.  **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**  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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| **PTFA News** |
| **Christmas Disco**  Thank you to everybody who supported the Christmas Disco on Wednesday. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves including our special guest, Santa. Special thanks to Mrs Connolly, Mrs Gregory and Mrs Evans who organised things so well.  **Christmas Cards**  Thanks also to all those who designed & ordered Christmas cards, which have now all been distributed. We will announce how much has been raised across the events this term, next week. As ever, your support is much appreciated. |

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| **Spotlight on Reception Class**  **This week we did our play called Happy Birthday Jesus. I was Jesus friend called George and I was Mary. We had to go to Bethlehem on a donkey and we saw lots of stars. It was a shock and I had a shocked face because then I had a baby.**  **I had to stand and thank everyone for coming.**  **We went to the garden centre for the Christmas tree and saw Fr Christmas. He had a good list and a naughty list. We are on the good list and so is Mrs Evans.**  **I really want a Furby from my Nanny and Grandad. Nieve has got one and it’s really crazy.**  **I want Gabba’s Palace because that’s where Gabba lives. Star wars is great.**  **Many thanks to Iris and George for their feedback.** |

**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 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…**

When **I am sad**, I can do something that makes me happy.

I have hundreds of things that can make me happy and I do not need others to give them to me.

I can give them to myself.



Many thanks

Mrs Hannah

