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Shirestone News

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Welcome to our third newsletter of this school year with only a month until Christmas. This is always a lovely time in school as we have lots to get excited about and our children always seem to be involved with so many different things. The weather has certainly become colder so could I remind Parents to make sure their child comes to school wearing a thick coat or jacket, a hat, scarf and gloves or mittens. Names in all of these items would be a real Christmas present for the staff. It was great to see so many of our children wearing wellington boots during the recent rainy weather. They all changed their shoes as they got into school and we thought that was really great that those Parents had thought ahead.

It has been lovely to see so many Parents and family members come to the various workshops that have been running this half term. Your children so enjoy when you are able to come into school to work alongside them and there is always a lovely atmosphere. After Christmas we will be continuing to invite Parents and family members into school to do even more activities alongside their child. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE

It is that time of year when sometimes events happen that can cause the school to close. The decision to close the school is taken when all things are considered and as early as possible to give working Parents as much notice as possible to make alternative arrangements. The school website www.shirestn.bham.sch.uk is the first port of call for anyone who is unsure. Local radio stations Heart FM, Radio WM and Free Radio will also be notified as will Birmingham Council and The Elliot Foundation. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly and will only be done so if the health and safety of children and staff may be threatened.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: NURSERY, RECEPTION and YEAR 1

This year we are very excited as our very youngest children are leading our Christmas celebrations by putting on our School production. We have decided to hold three performances as Year 1 are now also taking part. The performances will be on Wednesday 10th December at 2pm; Thursday 11th December and Friday 12th December at 10am. Tickets are on sale and priced £1 per ticket. Each child is able to have two tickets and any younger children will be counted as "a bottom on a seat" and a ticket will have to be bought. Once every performer has had the opportunity to buy their two tickets any spares will go on sale to others. We really hope you will be able to join us. It's the first time that our youngest children have led the production on behalf of the school so we are wishing them all the luck in the world.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for your continual support. From the start of the school year to now attendance is 97.1% with the highest attendance being with our Reception children with a whopping 98.09% . This is simply phenomenal. Thank you. The only classes currently with an attendance lower than the Academy's target of 96% are Nursery and Year 1

UPDATE ABOUT MRS BULMER

As Parents are aware Mrs Bulmer is currently absent from school. I am happy to let everyone know that although Mrs Bulmer is under going treatment things are going well and we speak to her often.

DIARY DATES

1st December	Year 2 Journey to the Stable
1st December	Bumps and Bandages Parent Workshop 2pm-4pm
1st December	Year 6 Mock SATs
2nd December	Members of Choir to perform at Grace Academy
5th December	Year 5 to Gossey Lane Forces Workshop
5th December	Christmas Fayre 2pm-4pm
8th December	Dress Rehearsal to school
9th December	Reception & Year 1 to Belgrave Theatre
10th December	Christmas Dinner Day
10th December	Christmas production led by Nursery, Reception & Year 1 10am
11th December	Christmas production led by Nursery, Reception & Year 1 2pm
12th December	Christmas production led by Nursery, Reception & Year 1 10am
15th December	Choir to sing at Council House
15th December	Music concert: Brass 2pm
17th December	Year 2 & Year 3 to BFG Theatre trip
17th December	Party afternoon
17th December	Disco Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 3pm-4pm
18th December	House Treat
18th December	Carol Service at St Peter's Church 9.15am
18th December	Disco for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 3pm-4.15pm
19th December	Autumn Term ends for two weeks
5th January	School closed for staff Inset
6th January	School opens for Spring term 8am Before School Club 8.40am for all
13th January	Year 2 trip to Sea Life centre

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 5th December and we have a very special visitor coming along to our Grotto!

CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

We need to remind Parents and any visitors to the Academy that no dog is allowed on site; this includes any dogs that are being smuggled in the front of adult's coats and jackets. Smoking is also not allowed on the school site and neither is riding a bike, scooter or any other similar vehicle. Unfortunately some visitors to the Academy have been ignoring these rules and putting the safety of others at risk. Should reports be made that these rules are being ignored the Academy may have to consider issuing banning letters to those who have ignored the rules. Such bans are placed on the child's record and this information is passed onto the next school when a child leaves us.

CHRISTMAS POST AND DINNER

This year our Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 10th December. Your child is able to request a lunch even if they usually stay for packed lunches. A letter will be sent out soon. The post box will be out as of Monday 1st December for children to post their cards to others in school. To avoid disappointment please make sure the first and second names are written on the envelopes and the child's class or year group.