

NEWSLETTER 16/12/2016
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Dear Parents,

Events for week commencing Monday, 2nd January 2017

		T E A C H E R		T R A I N I N G	D A Y
Tuesday					
Wednesday	After School	3.30-4.15pm		Cookery Club	
		3.30-5pm		Film Club	
Friday	Morning	8.55-9.15am		Celebration Assembly	
	After school	3.30-4.30pm		Imagineering Club	

PARENTS On behalf of the staff and myself we would like to thank everyone who has helped us this term. Your help with trips, listening to readers, transporting children to sporting/musical events, helping your child with their homework, providing costumes etc. is all invaluable. Your continued support both in school and out is always appreciated and without it a lot of what we do would not be possible.

GIFTS On behalf of all the staff we would like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts, cards and Christmas wishes we have received. They are all very much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES The children performed their shows to their friends and family earlier this week. We are all very proud of their achievements, the singing was beautiful, the actors and narrators were loud and clear and the children who helped behind the scenes were wonderful too. Thank you to the parents for providing the costumes, they all looked terrific on stage, supporting the children learning their lines, watching the performances and buying raffle tickets.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE/ST PETER'S CHURCH Thank you to the parents who helped supervise the children during the walk to and from St Peter's Church for the carol service. The service was lovely, the members of the orchestra and band played very well, the children who gave readings did so with confidence, the choir and everyone else sang enthusiastically. Thank you to all involved.

PTA We would like to thank the members of the PTA for their hard work and dedication this term, particularly in recent weeks with the amount of time and effort they have put in behind the scenes for the Christmas Fair and refreshments at the Christmas performances. All your hard work is appreciated by the staff and children alike.

CHRISTMAS DINNER Thank you to Mrs Freeman and her staff for providing us with a lovely Christmas dinner yesterday. We all enjoyed our dinner and the Christmas music.

MANCHESTER CAROLS - Saturday 17th December 2016 there will be a rehearsal at 2pm until 4pm at St Andrews Church, Rugby. Could children please arrive by 1.50pm.

The concert is at 7.30pm. Could children please arrive by 7.15pm in school uniform and tinsel. They also need to bring a Christmas hat to sing the last song. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

SWIMMING LESSONS The cost of swimming for the children in Year 3 is £3.83 weekly or £22.98 for the first half of the Spring term. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

DINNER MONEY The cost of school dinners for the next half term is £77.55 or £11.75 weekly or £2.35 daily. Would parents please note that school meals should always be paid for in advance. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

BUS REGISTER Forms have been given out to children who go home on the school buses. Could these forms please be returned to school by the morning of Wednesday 4th January at the latest so that we are able to produce the bus register for the Spring term.

SHARPIE PENS Could we please ask that children do not bring sharpie pens into school as they are permanent and mark the classroom tables.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS The only after school clubs running during the first week back at school are Cookery club and Film club on Wednesday and Imagineering club on Friday. Letters have been given out to children for Zumba, CCFC, Signing club, Chess club, Theatre club and Tag Rugby. These clubs will all start back on the second week back after the Christmas break. Basketball letters and cheerleading letters will also be given out once we receive them.

ORCHESTRA /CODE CLUB These clubs will restart in the second week of term. The cost for each club will be £9 for the half term, payable on ParentPay.

IMAGINEERING CLUB Starting Friday 6th January 2017. The cost of Imagineering club for the Spring term will be £39 (13 weeks). Payment should be made on ParentPay.

SPANISH CLUB Starting Friday 13th January 2017. The cost of Spanish club for the first half term will be £18 (6 weeks). Please make payment on ParentPay. If your child is interested in joining Spanish club, please complete and return the slip attached.

TAG RUGBY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SportsInSchools are hoping to run Tag Rugby club again on Fridays after the Christmas holiday. The club, subject to interest, will run for 6 weeks, starting Friday 13th January 2017. The cost will be £24, payable in cash please. If your child is interested in participating, please return the form attached together with payment to the school office by Thursday 12th January the latest.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB There are spaces in photography club for new as well as continuing members. The children will have the opportunity to develop their own projects, such as building a photography portfolio, storyboarding and shooting their own short films, making an animated video or making cards. We hope that the children will be able to present their work to the school or showcase it on our school website. As part of the work, the children will sometimes need to take photographs and videos of each other. These images and the projects the children produce will not be displayed, uploaded or shared anywhere outside of school, except on the school website (where children will not be named). If your child would like to continue or start this club, please complete the form attached and return to the school office by Friday 6th January 2017.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS Please note that the fees for instrumental tuition are now overdue. If you have not yet made payment, please do so on ParentPay as soon as possible.

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE ½ size violin (pink) free to a good home (needs a new bow) and also a ¾ size violin free to a good home (needs a string and a new bow). Also, there is a ½ size violin for sale at £20 ono and a ½ size guitar for £10. For more information, please see Mrs Blezard in school who would be happy to advise.

YORK RESIDENTIAL VISIT The next instalment of £15 for children who are participating in the York residential visit is due today. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

WALES RESIDENTIAL VISIT The next instalment of £20 for children who are participating in the Wales residential visit is due on Friday, 6th January 2017. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

CASTLETON RESIDENTIAL VISIT The next instalment of £35 for children who are participating in the Castleton residential visit is due on Friday, 6th January 2017. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

FAMILY WORKSHOP In association with Brethertons Solicitors, we are offering children whose parents have separated the opportunity to attend a series of six workshops which seek to help them deal with the effects of family breakdown. The weekly workshops will be run in school by a school representative and Bretherton's in-house therapist, Liz Headley, who has nearly 20 years experience of working with adults and children in a variety of settings. The six sessions have been designed to offer the children the opportunity to discuss their feelings about Mum and Dad splitting and the difference it has made to their lives. They will be encouraged to think about different types of families and how they operate and how families can change over time. They will also be invited to consider their own support network both inside and outside their family and who they might go to if they were worried about

something. All this will be offered in a creative, playful way so the children can feel relaxed when talking about emotional issues. If you feel that these workshops might be of benefit to your son or daughter then please complete the slip below. There are leaflets in the school reception if you would like more information.

SCHOOL DIRECT TEACHER TRAINING- Are you interested in training to become a teacher? Our school is part of a growing number of schools leading the way for more school-led teacher training. We have vacancies now to start training from September 2017 and we would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We're looking for people who have (or will have) a 2:1 degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. We'd love you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting teacher training opportunities available. Our recruiters Mrs Aspinwall and Mr Wardle can be contacted by email admin3391@welearn365.com or by telephone 01788 811028 to arrange a date and time. For further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally, you can also visit www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching or visit our school website.

ARE YOU A FOSTER CARER? Would you like to meet other families in similar situations? Warwickshire Educational Psychologists have designed some workshops to help you support the children in your care. Northgate House, Warwick CV34 4JL. Course structure: 9th January- Consultation/drop in session, 16th January- Attachment, 23rd January- Strategies to support attachment needs, 30th January- Consultation/drop in session, 6th February- How to help your child in school, 13th February- Consultation/drop in session, 27th February- Changes to your family structure (part 1), 6th March- Changes to your family structure (part 2), 13th March- Consultation/drop in session. Time 10am-12 noon, educational psychologists Dan Lake and Sarah Owens. To book on the workshops, please contact Janet Mander- Admin Support 01926 742921, janetmander@warwickshire.gov.uk

RIMO GARDEN CENTRE Our beautiful Christmas tree has been very kindly donated to us by Rimo Garden Centre. They are a small individual garden centre situated on A45 close to Thurlaston, they have a large selection of premium grade Christmas trees for sale, plus lots of other gardening items for you to browse through.

ST PETER'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY St Peter's and St Edmund's Churches invite you to their Christmas Party on Wednesday 21st December, 2pm-4pm. An activity event for children with their families or carers at St Peter's Church, Dunchurch. £1 per person. There will be crafts, a visit from Father Christmas and Party Tea. Booking is essential and places are limited, to book please email: am_barnard@hotmail.com including names, ages of children and any dietary requirements.

ST ANDREWS FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES Invite your friends and families to come and view the trees and vote for their favourite one. They ask for a donation of £1 for a programme that comes with 2 voting slips. There will be 3 winning trees and the winners of following categories will be announced during the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Best Adult Entry- chosen by the Mayor, Best Children's Entry- chosen by the Mayor, Best Tree- chosen by the Public. All money raised will be supporting RoSA Support, Families First and the work of St Andrews Church. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsFestivalofTrees/> for up to date information.

ITV NEEDS FAMILIES NOW for a brand new, prime time, money saving food programme! Would you like to cut the cost of your family shopping bill? Want to jazz up mealtimes and discover new dishes? ITV would love to hear from you, don't delay, contact us today! ITV welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds. Email: foodshow@crackitproductions.co.uk or phone 0203 761 4659.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS go to Emily Shields, Jacob Haddow, Orla Prag, Jacob Marsh, Francesca James, Lily Harris, Milly Ogburn-Storey and Jamie Carr.

All that remains for me to do is to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday, 4th January 2017.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Wardle
Head Teacher

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LIVING IN A SEPARATED FAMILY WORKSHOP

I give permission for my child in class..... to attend the Living in a Separated Family workshops.

Signed..... Print Name..... Dated.....

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Tag Rugby Club
Fridays 3.30-4.30pm

I give permission for my child in class..... to participate in Tag Rugby Club and I enclose payment of £24 in cash.

At the end of the session my child will: be collected from outside reception
go to Woosh
walk home alone

Signed..... Parent/ carer

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Photography/ Video Club – Year 5/6
Thursdays, 3.30-4.30pm

My child.....in class.....would like start/continue the above club.

I understand that my child may be photographed and videoed for the purposes of this club.

I give permission for photos and videos including my child, taken as part of their project work, to be published on the school website:

Yes No

Signed..... Parent/ carer

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Spanish Club
Fridays 3.30-4.30pm

My child..... in class..... would like to start Spanish club.

I have paid £18 on ParentPay

Signed..... Parent/carer