

Friday 16th December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

AUTUMN TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

As we finish for the Autumn term, I am pleased to provide the following information:

DIARY DATES

January	Tuesday 3rd January	Spring Term 3 begins
	Thursday 19 th	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
	Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th	Science Week
	Monday 30 th January	Science Week open afternoon for parents: 2.30-3.30pm
February	Tuesday 7 th	Safer Internet Day
	Monday 13th-Friday 17th	HALF TERM
	Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Consultation Evening
	Thursday 23 rd	Parent Consultation Evening
	Monday 27 th February – 3 ^{1st} March	Arts Week
March	Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day
	Friday 24 th	Comic Relief Day
April	Monday 3 rd April	Y3/4 Dress rehearsal
	Tuesday 4 th April	Y3/4 Performance
	Wednesday 5 th April	Y3/4 Performance
	Thursday 6 th April	Disco
	Friday 7 th April	Non-uniform day
	Monday 10th April-Friday 21st April	EASTER BREAK
	Wednesday 26 th April	Class Photos
May	Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	SATS week
	Thursday 25 th	Bunting Cup
	Monday 29th – Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM
June	Monday 5th	INSET DAY
	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Phonics Screening Y1 Healthy Eating Week
	Wednesday 21 st	Sports day
	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th	School Journey
July	Thursday 6 th July	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal
	Friday 7 th	Summer Fair
	Thursday 13 th	Y/6 afternoon & evening performance
	Thursday 20 th	Disco

	Friday 21 st	Non uniform day END OF TERM
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Please note that these are subject to change and will be updated on our website accordingly.

Updated Policies

Our school policies are continually being updated and uploaded to the school website.

SAFEGUARDING

May I once again remind you that parking by parents in the school car park or on yellow lines on Narrowleys Lane is prohibited to try and ensure the safety of all school stakeholders both on arrival or departure from school. Please remember that you can park at the Village Hall and walk down to school via the private drive.

FUNDRAISING

Children in Need day raised £528.69 – many thanks to all contributors.

Online Safety Update

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we will now be issuing parents with guidance in relation to online safety in each newsletter. This term we would like to raise your awareness to the age restrictions of some games we are aware children in school are accessing from a survey undertaken at the beginning of this term.

 <p>PEGI 3 www.pegi.info</p> <p>The content of games given this rating is considered suitable for all age groups. Some violence in a comical context (typically Bugs Bunny or Tom & Jerry cartoon-like forms of violence) is acceptable. The child should not be able to associate the character on the screen with real life characters, they should be totally fantasy. The game should not contain any sounds or pictures that are likely to scare or frighten young children. No bad language should be heard.</p>	<p>Rocket League Some Plants vs Zombies Fifa</p>
 <p>PEGI 7 www.pegi.info</p> <p>Any game that would normally be rated at 3 but contains some possibly frightening scenes or sounds may be considered suitable in this category.</p>	<p>Roblox Some Plants vs Zombies</p>
 <p>PEGI 12 www.pegi.info</p> <p>Videogames that show violence of a slightly more graphic nature towards fantasy character and/or non graphic violence towards human-looking characters or recognisable animals, as well as videogames that show nudity of a slightly more graphic nature would fall in this age category. Any bad language in this category must be mild and fall short of sexual expletives.</p>	<p>Forza Star Wars Forza Horizon Some Call of Duty Some Plants vs Zombies</p>
 <p>PEGI 16 www.pegi.info</p> <p>This rating is applied once the depiction of violence (or sexual activity) reaches a stage that looks the same as would be expected in real life. More extreme bad language, the concept of the use of tobacco and drugs and the depiction of criminal activities can be content of games that are rated 16.</p>	<p>Some Grand Theft Auto Some Call of Duty</p>
 <p>PEGI 18 www.pegi.info</p> <p>The adult classification is applied when the level of violence reaches a stage where it becomes a depiction of gross violence and/or includes elements of specific types of</p>	<p>Some Grand Theft Auto Some Call of Duty</p>

violence. Gross violence is the most difficult to define since it can be very subjective in many cases, but in general terms it can be classed as the depictions of violence that would make the viewer feel a sense of revulsion.	
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If you would like to find out more please refer to the PEGI website:

<http://www.pegi.info/en/index/id/33/>

CHILDREN'S NEWS

The Christmas performances from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have really been enjoyed by all who attended – thank you for your kind donations towards our new staging which will enable us to hold lots more performances for parents and families! Thanks too to all the children who attend choir and performed our first Christmas choir concert – Mrs Evans and I are really proud of you all!

Dare by Freya Riggott and India Dale

In Y6 we have studied the DARE (Drugs, Awareness Resistance Education) programme with Officer Hand. We learnt about drugs, smoking and how to resist peer pressure. Everybody really enjoyed it and it was a life-changing experience. We had a graduation assembly on 2nd December and our parents and grandparents came to join us celebrate our success.

Bamboo Tamboo Concert by Ella Adams and Simone Harrison (Y4)

Bamboo tamboo is a musical instrument made out of plastic. It's a tube with a hole and you have a beater so you can hit it or bang it on the floor. When everyone was settling down and listening to Mr Wilson (who was introducing our concert) we got butterflies in our tummies we were so nervous! We performed songs called HELLO, bubble-gum clap, Hogwarts School and What did the Romans do for us? It was a major success. All of us cannot wait to see what the next musical instrument is that we will play!

History van – WWII day by Louisa Martin (Y6)

School invited a lady expert to help us extend our knowledge. She brought in lots of original equipment from the war. We had a go at doing some of the everyday jobs and activities. We thought about what it would have been like to be rationed, to have our houses bombed and how people dealt with it. It would have been really hard to live during WWII. We had a go at writing our names in Morse code as well as building mini Anderson shelters to house six. She handed out some real clothes that belonged to children in the war. It was a really good day and it benefitted our knowledge loads!

Sports News from Mrs Rhodes:

A big thank you to all the children who have participated in the range of Sporting events this term, you have been a credit to the school and shown fantastic sportsmanship.

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 cross country teams who made it to the final. They gave it their all and made everyone very proud.

Six children from Year 3 took part in a festival of squash event at Alfreton Leisure Centre, where they demonstrated their skill and competed in matches against other children. They were fantastic and showed determination and all had a fabulous time.

The Bikeability sessions in Year 5 were a great success and enabled the children to ride safely on the roads.

Congratulations to Ria Boynton and Dan Boulby in Y6 who were successfully selected for the Shooting Stars Programme.

STAFF and SCHOOL NEWS

I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Mr Wilson (Y1), his wife and daughter on the safe arrival of baby Enid – we wish them a very happy first Christmas!

This term the staff and children have begun working towards achieving Unicef's Rights Respecting School Award which helps schools to use the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as part of their values framework. This will be an on-going process and we will keep you updated and would welcome anyone who would like to be involved from the local community – please speak to Mr Wilson (Y1) if you are interested in finding out more.

Our thanks go to Friends of School for funding the transport to the Pantomime on 29th November – and to you for supporting school by purchasing tickets – it was a fantastic experience for all the children.

Clubs will recommence w/c 9th January: there will be some changes next term which will be discussed with the children during the 1st week back.

Finally, all the staff and I would like to thank you for your support over the term and we wish you happy Christmas and New Year break. We look forward to seeing everyone back safely on **Tuesday 3rd January 2017.**

Yours faithfully



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