



The FitzHerbert C of E (VA) Primary School

Learning as a Family, Growing as a School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for this exciting and busy half term! The children have all settled back in really well this week, with Key Stage 2 children continuing to look at their topic of Invaders and Settlers and Key Stage 1 starting their topic of Can Party Food Be Healthy? Our Reception Children have been learning all about Bonfire Night and have planned and held their own Bonfire party - we have put some photos on our Facebook page to show you what fun they have been having!

This afternoon, our Key Stage 2 children have taken part in The Big First Aid Lesson which has helped them to learn what to do in an emergency, how to help someone choking and how to treat burns. This is the second time we have taken part in this programme which is a live online lesson hosted by the St John's Ambulance and it gives the children confidence and understanding of what to do in an emergency. They have some resources and a certificate each to take home today too.

With the lead up to Christmas, this half term can become a very busy few weeks and so have tried to get as many dates in the diary as possible. Here is a summary of what we have got coming up between now and January!

NOVEMBER 2017		
Sunday 5 th	Pie Night at the Sycamore Inn, Parwich from 6.00pm - in aid of Mrs Froggatt's and Mrs Fentem's Kilimanjaro Trek next year	Whole School Community - Parents, Family, Friends etc
Monday 6 th	Whole School Tag Rugby After School Club starts. Until 4.45pm. Runs for 5 weeks (last session 4 th December)	Whole School
Wednesday 8 th	Whole School Speaking Competition - held in the afternoon, all children are to perform a piece of poetry or a rhyme	Whole School
Saturday 18 th	British Heart Foundation Sponsored Swim at the ARC Leisure Centre, Matlock. Sponsor forms and entry forms are still available in the office. Turn up at the ARC from 5-7pm to take part for free. For more info see Ms Miller	Whole School Community - Parents, Family, Friends etc can take part
Monday 20 th	Y5 & 6 Tag Rugby event at QEGS in the afternoon (more info to be sent home)	Y5 & 6
Thursday 23 rd	Years 2 - 6 visiting a synagogue in Nottingham today (more info to be sent out next week)	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Saturday 25 th	Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree at the light switch on in Ashbourne. Everyone taking part to meet on the Market Place at 2pm (near Fat Face), we are singing from 2.15-2.30pm. If any children who haven't returned their reply slip would like to take part then just let Ms Miller know	All children who have decided to take part
Monday 27 th	Last Key Stage 2 swimming until January	Key Stage 2
Tuesday 28 th	Reception Height and Weight checks by the School Nurse Team	Reception children
Tuesday 28 th	Full Board of Governors' Meeting	Board of Governors
Wednesday 29 th	Key Stage 2 at Intu Derby for the Christmas Choir Competition (info sent home earlier this week)	Key Stage 2
Thursday 30 th	Last Pentathlon After School Club	
DECEMBER 2017		
Friday 1 st	Christmas Quiz! Back by popular demand, our Quiz for Grown-Ups is back & this time its Christmassy! 7pm start, £5 per person for teams of up to 4. Price includes a hot turkey & stuffing cob & mince pies. TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY!	Whole School Community - Parents, Family, Friends etc (grown ups only)

Monday 4 th	Last Tag Rugby After School Club	
Tuesday 5 th	Flu Vaccinations for all children in years Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 who have had parental permission	Relevant Children
Wednesday 6 th	Key Stage 1 children to visit St Oswald's Church for 'Experience Christmas' (more info will be sent home nearer the time)	Key Stage 1
Thursday 7 th	FSA Christmas Fair from 5.00-7.00pm	Whole School Community - Parents, Family, Friends etc
Tuesday 12 th	Nativity - Key Stage 1 acting with singing support from Key Stage 2. Performances at 2.00 and 6.30pm	Whole School Community - Parents, Family, Friends etc
Wednesday 13 th	Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday 13 th	St Edmund's Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm - all welcome	Whole School Community - Parents, Family, Friends etc
Monday 18 th	Whole School trip to the Pantomime at Derby Arena (Beauty & the Beast) - more information to follow	Whole School
Monday 18 th	FSA Christmas Party from 4.00-6.00pm at Birdsgrove House - all children welcome	Whole School
Tuesday 19 th	Celebration Assembly followed by our Annual Christmas Walk, then everyone is welcome to stay for lunch (meals need to be booked in advance please) - more info will be sent out nearer the time	Whole School Community - Parents, Family, Friends etc
Tuesday 19 th	Last Day of Term	
Wednesday 20 th December - Monday 1 st January 2018	Christmas Holiday	
JANUARY 2018		
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET DAY	
Wednesday 3 rd	School Opens	

Bag2School Collection

As another fundraiser for our Kilimanjaro hike, Mrs Fentem and I have arranged a Bag2School collection. Every family have had a letter today and a bag, please bring in any full bags to school at any time between now and Friday 24th November - we have plenty more bags in the office too! A great opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas and help us towards our fundraising target too!

Christmas Cards

Now we're in November it doesn't seem too bad to be using the 'Christmas' word! Our School Council have decided that instead of everyone sending lots of Christmas cards to each other in school this year, they would like to do something a little more environmentally friendly (and hopefully save some parents' sanity at the same time!) They will be selling a template for £1 which they are hoping everyone will buy, take home, colour in and then write on the back to wish everyone at school a great Christmas. Once we have collected all of the colourful cards in, we will turn them into bunting to hang around the school. We hope you all support them in their proposal this year. Templates will be available in a few weeks, we'll keep you posted!

Bus Code of Conduct

Finally, I just wanted to touch on the Bus Code of Conduct sheets which went home earlier this week. We have seen an increase in the number of children using the bus which is fantastic, and we are conscious that the children don't have a school member of staff with them when they are on the bus - we thought it was good to have a set of rules in place to make sure that the bus journeys remain fun, enjoyable and safe for everyone who goes on there. Many thanks to everyone who has brought their signed Code of Conduct sheets back - if you haven't yet then please can you bring them in as soon as possible. There is a copy of the Code of Conduct on our website under Information for Parents > Wraparound Care and Transport for your reference.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Annette Froggatt