

# Hotwells Primary School

Issue 6 – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Term 2

Dear Parents,

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week across the country and at Hotwells we are using this week and next week to participate in a variety of activities and special circle times to highlight this issue.

Today has also been Children in Need Day! We've been wearing spots and collecting money for children around the UK; today's assembly focused on two children who battle daily with disadvantage – the whole school listened with interest, respect and compassion to their stories.

Earlier this week, Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Gloucester Folk Museum to explore what life was like for children during the Victorian era, which links to their History topic for this term. During the visit, the children enjoyed learning in a Victorian classroom with a rather stern Victorian school ma'am. Although all of the children enjoyed the experience, they all agreed that school is much more enjoyable in 2017! The children's behaviour was exemplary and they made us very proud of them.

This year, we have been developing further links with organisations in our local community. As part of this, a group of children visited the Lunchtime Memory Club at Trinity Church on Thursday of this week where they played board games and dominoes with senior citizens. This is something that we know the children enjoy and gain a lot from.

Next week, we will also be having our school photographer in to take the children's individual and sibling photos. This will take place on **Wednesday** morning and proofs of your child's photo will be sent home shortly afterwards.

A reminder that our third Inset day of the year is next Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> November. School will not be open to children on this day.

You are warmly invited to Key Stage 2's Carol Concert on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am in the Hope Chapel Centre. Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 are working hard to bring together a selection of old classics and new festive favourites to perform.

Best wishes from Mrs Delor

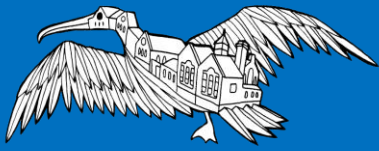
## Letters out this week:

- Christmas Tree pre-order form
- Shoebox Appeal

**Reminder – please let the office know if you change your telephone number or address as we do need up to date information on our system**

**Please note all letters etc will be emailed unless you have requested otherwise.**

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Attached to this newsletter is a summary of the festive events during December.

## Individual School Photos

Individual/sibling photos will place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Reminder to bring in your Christmas shoeboxes on Monday as they will be collected during week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## Speech & Language Drop in Session

On 4<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30-10.30am our Speech & Language Therapist will be in school for a drop-in session. If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language development, you are welcome to put your name down for a 10 minute slot. Please let Ms Levison (SENCO) know.

## Scooters

Please collect all your scooters at the end of the day, thanks.

### PARENTS – WE NEED YOU! CAN YOU HELP?

- We need someone with accountancy experience who would like to be an accounting officer for the Governors. This is a voluntary position and only needs 3 days work per year.
- Do you own a company who can print leaflets for us without cost?

If you or someone you know can help us please contact the school office.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A STAFF INSET DAY ON FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO PUPILS, SCHOOL REOPENS ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

### DATES FOR CAKE SALES

#### TERM 2

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Cracker
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#### TERM 3

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4
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Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3
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#### TERM 4

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 2
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Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 1
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#### TERM 5

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception
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## Piano lessons for Reception students upwards

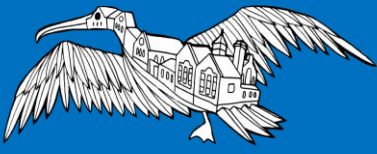
available with Fiona Prescott, call 07910034627 to make enquiries.

## PTA

The PTA will be holding their annual **Christmas Cracker on the 8th December**, Christmas Tree pre order forms have been handed out today and your class reps will be in touch soon with requests for help on the day....but the most important request is for a representative from the North Pole! If any Dads, Grandads, Uncles or big brothers fancy some Ho Ho Hoing please contact Mic on: [hotwellspta@gmail.com](mailto:hotwellspta@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you there Mic, Rachel and Claire

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