



MARY SWANWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Week Commencing 27th November

MON Book Fair (all week) Balance Bikes final session for Reception class	TUES School council visit Bolsover Juniors. Y5/6 football match EFL Cup	WEDS	THURS Christmas Fair	FRI INSET School closed
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News

Whitehall

Last week, year 6 children had a wonderful time on their residential at Whitehall. Here are a few quotes from the children:

- The best school trip I have ever been on!
- Whitehall helped me overcome my fear of heights
- I never knew chores could be so much fun!
- Very fun, I enjoyed the adventurous activities.
- I've never eaten so much in my life!
- I'm now confident about caving.
- I would love to go back!
- The staff are amazing!

Miss Law, Mr Ferreday and Miss Townsend all agree that the children were a pleasure to take to Whitehall – all of them absolute superstars!!

Y5/6 Proact – Anti- Racism event

Year 5 and 6 recently visited the Proact Stadium for a 'Show Racism the Red card' event where they learned about racism and prejudice. They took part in workshops before getting the opportunity to ask a 'celebrity' panel of footballers questions about it. One of our Year 6 boys won top prize for best question of the day! Huge thanks go to Chesterfield FC for inviting us to this very informative event.

Y5 – Chesterfield Observatory

This Wednesday evening, some Year 5 children and parents visited the Chesterfield Observatory for an evening of stargazing. At least they would have had an evening of stargazing had there not been a blanket of cloud! Instead, they listened to an extremely humorous and informative talk about a journey through the solar system by a member of Chesterfield Astronomical Society. The children were full of excitement and it was great to hear afterwards that some said they would like a telescope for Christmas! Huge thanks to parents for transporting the children late into the evening. The society is open on Friday nights and the children were warmly encouraged to return on a clear night to look at stars and planets through the giant telescope.

Christmas Fair Thursday 30th November 2pm

Games/Tombolas/Christmas Crafts/ Santa's Grotto
All Welcome!!

Non Uniform Day – Monday 27th November

Children can wear non-uniform in return for a donation of one of the following for the fair:
Chocolates, Sweets, Wine, Toiletries, New Toys/Games
(Thank you if you have already made a donation)

Inset Day Reminder

School will be closed on Friday 1st December
HOLIDAY
School will close at the end of session on the
19th December – return to school 3rd January

Children in Need

We saw some 'Spotacular' outfits last week and raised a whopping £443.35!! – from purchasing the merchandise and making donations.

Thank you to all for supporting this fun event.

ICT Development

One of our school improvement priorities this year is the development of ICT. So far, we have upgraded our infrastructure and resources, trained staff in their use, and with the support of our Mini Techies, developed an Acceptable Use Charter.

The school's IT Champions, Mr Ferreday & Mrs Bell, have used our new iPads with the children in their classes to explore a range of skills including screenshotting, air-dropping, selfie-taking, programming & debugging! On Wednesday, the champions led a staff development session for other teachers, whose classes are now hot on the heels of the children in Years 2 & 5.

As part of the children's skills development this year, we will continue to deliver online safety messages. This is a key part of our work.

If you would like any advice about how to help your child stay safe online, please speak to a member of school staff or look online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Christmas Dates

Christmas Fair	Thursday 30 th November 2pm
Polar Express Movie night	Thursday 7 th December 5pm
Christmas concert (Reception to Year 6 classes) dress rehearsal - Grandparents invited	Monday 11 th December 1:45pm
Nursery Concert	Tuesday 12 th December 10am
Christmas concert (Reception to Year 6 classes)	Tuesday 12 th December 1:45pm
Christmas concert (Reception to Year 6 classes)	Wednesday 13 th December 5:30pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 13 th December
Christmas Jumper /Dress 'Christmassy' Day	Friday 15 th December
Nursery theatre visit – Santa's Stolen Sleigh	Monday 18 th December: 10am
Christingle services at St. Bartholomews	Monday 18 th December
Christmas Party Buffet Lunch	Tuesday 19 th December

Christmas Concert Ticket Order – dress rehearsal

Grandparents only please – please order by Thursday 7th December.

JESUS' CHRISTMAS PARTY – featuring children from Reception to Year 6

Monday 11th December at 10am - this is a free event and tickets are unlimited for grandparents.

Child's name _____ No. of tickets required _____

Please send in with your child to hand in at registration.