



LAWEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter

Date : November 2018

Headteacher News:

Dear Parents,

We are having an exciting half term in school and as we begin to approach Christmas, school becomes a very busy place and therefore I have collated the dates of events for the weeks running up to Christmas.

As Christmas is a very busy time and due to school expanding, rehearsal time and space for Christmas concerts is becoming more and more difficult so as a school we have decided to do things differently this academic year. Nursery, Reception and KS1 will perform a Christmas concert, Lower KS2 will perform a production at Easter and Upper KS2 will perform an end of year concert.

The Nursery performance will be on **Friday, 21st December, 11am for morning Nursery and 3pm for afternoon Nursery**. This performance will be in the classroom.

The Reception performance will be on **Tuesday, 11th December** in the KS1 hall at **2.15pm**.

The KS1 performance will be on **Tuesday, 18th December** in the KS2 hall at **2pm**.

During the concerts, parents will not be allowed to video or take photographs but there will be an opportunity at the end of the concert for parents to take photographs of their own children. I would also ask if you are bringing younger siblings please ensure you take them out of the hall if they are crying or making a noise. This is with respect to other parents watching but especially to the children and staff who have put many hours of hard work into practising these concerts for parents to enjoy.

Each class will be having a Christmas party. **Nursery, Reception and KS2** parties will be on **Wednesday, 19th December**. KS1 party will be on Thursday, 20th December. All children are welcome to come in non-uniform/party clothes on their party day and any food contributions will be greatly received.

On **Tuesday, 18th December**, it is our Christmas dinner day. If your child does not normally have a school dinner and would like one on this day please fill in the slip that will be sent out shortly and return the slip and the money by **Friday, 30th November (free for Reception and KS1 children)**.

Each child in school is busy making a Christmas tree decoration for our Christmas tree in the KS2 hall. All the children will come and place their decoration on the tree and then on Monday, 10th December we are having a big light switch on!! On that day, we would like to invite children to come to school in non-uniform or a Christmas jumper and bring a donation for the Christmas fair if possible. Donations could include chocolate, tins, cosmetics, toys or teddies in good condition.

On the week beginning 10th December, we will be having our annual enterprise week. This is where each class makes something to sell at the Christmas fair and the class who make the biggest profit win a prize. This year we are combining enterprise week with work on recycling especially plastic pollution and learning about the effects on the environment, so many of the products and games will be made from recycled plastic. Enterprise week is a great opportunity for children to learn team- building skills, leadership skills and covers many different areas of the curriculum such as maths, literacy, computing, art and design and technology. Our Christmas Fair is on **Thursday, 13th December** from 3:30pm onwards.

During school time on 3rd December, Year 6 will be carol singing at Morrisons and at a local residential home to raise money and Christmas cheer for the elderly.

Thank you to all parents who contributed donations for Children in Need. As a school, we raised £139.23. All donations go to the Children in Need charity.

On 20th November some of our School Council visited CAP (Community Awareness Programme) to help out, see the valuable work that these volunteers do and see how our Harvest Festival donations are being used. The staff at CAP commented on how wonderful the children were and we are very proud of our Lawefield Primary School representatives.

Mr Callaghan will be returning to work on a phased return on Monday, 26th November and will be back to school full time by Christmas. Mr Callaghan will hold a parents evening next half term.

Last academic year, in the Summer term, some of you may recall that we had a diversity day where all the children designed a new school logo to represent the diversity and ethos of our school. All the children's ideas have been carefully considered and created into a final design. From September 2019, this design will be the schools new logo and will feature on our school uniform. More information about the new school uniform will be sent out at a later date.



Finally, I would like to wish all families who celebrate Christmas a Merry Christmas and I hope Santa visits. To all those families who don't celebrate Christmas, happy holidays and Happy New Year to everyone.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday, 7th January 2019.

Happy holidays,
Miss J Beetham