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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th November 2018

Inspiring All

As I write, the children and staff are busy getting ready for Junior and Infant Christmas productions. The school is a hive of busy activity. This is a very exciting time of the year with lots of many great activities happening and the singing is sounding wonderful. With December on the horizon, it's beginning to feel a **little bit** like Christmas!



We do hope you are able to join us tomorrow for our Christmas Fair which promises to be a fantastic event.

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 26th November 2018

Robin Class	97.78%
Wagtail Class	96.40%
Lapwing Class	94.78%
Parakeet Class	96..40%
Wren Class	100%
Sparrow Class	96.11%
Goldfinch Class	99.09%
Kestrel Class	92.27%

The classes who have won our attendance horses in the infants this week is Robin and in the juniors is Wren.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you so much for all your returned parent questionnaires. Initial analysis can be found on the parent page of our school website. It has been

great to have some very positive comments about the things in schools that are working well and some feedback about what parents feel could be developed. We would like to use some of your positive comments as quotes for publication so please do let us know if you would prefer we didn't.

WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

Thank you so much to all those parents who came and helped support us today on our Woodland Walk. It is such a lovely activity that we do as a whole school team each half term to help us appreciate our locality and the environment and habitats around us.





CHRISTMAS FAIR

The elves are getting excited as our Christmas Fair is almost here! Please do join us from 12 – 3pm this Saturday 1st December for many exciting activities and stalls. Even Father Christmas is coming to join in the fun! We can't wait to see you there!

SECRET SANTA

On the 6th and 7th December we will be holding our annual Secret Santa event where children can purchase gifts to bring home and put under the tree. The Juniors will have opportunity on the 6th and the Infants on the 7th. To ensure all children have the opportunity to purchase gifts they will be limited to 2 main gifts each, and can bring in up to £5. It is always very exciting to see who the children choose to buy for and indeed what they choose! We would really appreciate any donations of suitable gifts to make this event possible. We will continue to accept donations up to the days of the events.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

We are writing to confirm the process of ticket allocations to our Christmas performances. Tickets are limited to two per family per department (infant or junior) in the first instance on a first come first served basis. Every person watching the shows will need a ticket; this is due to fire regulations and limited space in the school hall.

Allocated tickets will be available to collect from the school office, on Monday 3rd December an application form for additional tickets will be sent by Parentmail.

Preschool children are welcome to attend the afternoon performance of the Junior Carol Singing and the Wednesday performance of the Infant Christmas Play; they must have a ticket. We politely request that they are taken outside to calm down, should they become unsettled during the production.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Teacher led clubs finish next week for this term.

CHRISTMAS TREATS

The Juniors will be having their Christmas Treat on Friday 14th December.

The Infant Christmas Party will be on Tuesday 18th December. This is always a fun event, if you have some time to spare and want to help with this event please contact your Class Rep.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Parakeet: Kallie, Summer

Sparrow: Mabel, Alyssia

Wren: Lottie

Goldfinch: Dulcie, James

Kestrel: Beth, Abbie

HEADLICE

There appear to be a few cases of nits in school, please can you check your child's hair this weekend.



TIMES TABLES

Children need to know their times tables with rapid recall by the end of year 4.

8x table notes

Even number table. Units continually decrease by 2. Tens increase by 1 except between 5 x 8 & 6 x 8 but here it is easy to add on 8. Similar change at 10 x 8 & 11 x 8.

FUNDRAISING HELP

As a small school PTA fundraising is essential for the provision of essentials and valuable experiences for our children, if your company offers fundraising matching please consider us. Letters are available from the school office to take to employers about our school and fundraising efforts.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Please do take a look at the Community News section of the website for events happening in the local area.

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
1.12.18	School Christmas Fair	
06.12.18	Secret Santa	Years R – 6 Juniors 9.00 – 12.30pm
07.12.18	Secret Santa	Infants 9.00-12.30pm
10.12.18	Dress Rehearsal infants	10.00-10.30am
12.12.18	Infant Production	2.00-3.00pm
12.12.18	Junior Carols	6.30-8.00pm
13.12.18	Infant Production	9.30-10.30pm
13.12.18	Junior Carols	2.00-3.30pm
14.12.18	Junior Christmas Treat	
14.12.18	Christmas Lunch	12.15-1.15pm
18.12.18	Infant Christmas Party	2.00-3.00pm
19.12.18	School finishes 1.30pm	
7.1.19	Term Starts	

We hope everyone has a fantastic weekend!

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

