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MISSION STATEMENT Believe and Achieve

We are committed to the protection and safety of our pupils and safeguarding is a priority

NEWSLETTER - Autumn Term 2015 - Issue 8 - Friday 11th December 2015

Dear Parents,

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

WB 23rd November - Year 3

WB 30th November - Reception

Well done to all the children in each class. They have received the trophy and attendance teddy, with a lollipop for each child.

WALSALL BUDGET CUTS

Recently, further details have come to my attention regarding the council cuts that will have to be made in 2016-17 and 2017-18. It has been inevitable for some time that cuts will have to be made, but Walsall Council have released details of this for consultation until January 8th 2016. Some examples of the council's cuts are to reduce the funding and services that Educational Psychologists play in school, an intention that several libraries will close, and further reductions that put pressure on schools and the community. I would ask that if you have any concerns about the cuts to a range of services, that you visit www.walsall.gov.uk and on the home page you can click on the right-hand side button - 'Budget - Have your say'. This will give details of the funding cuts and the consultation process. You will have the opportunity to voice your concerns, which need to be completed by the 8th January 2016.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND DRESS UP DAY

The Christmas Fayre was held last Wednesday after school. We had a great attendance and the PTA raised £1000. Thank you to Miss Powell, chair of the PTA and the willing parent volunteers who prepared the stalls and worked so hard to make the event a big success.

PREVENT INFORMATION

Attached to this newsletter is some information on the Prevent Strategy in school. This is significant information for pupils and families and offers some guidance and further sources of information regarding

what the school are doing to prevent extremism in school. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to see Mr Gilbert or Mrs Read.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This week was the last week for after school clubs, thank you for your continued support. The clubs will start back week beginning 11th January 2016.

The only changes at present is the Sign Language club, which will be open to a different set of children, as the course this term has come to an end. A letter will be sent out next week for a new set of children interested from January.

We are also hoping to run a football club; more details will follow in the New Year.

We have sent out texts and letters to parents that have not paid for clubs, and we ask that any outstanding payments be made by Friday 18th December so that your child's place can be secured for next term.

FUN4LIFE

In January, Year 4 will be taking part in a 12 week series of lessons and after school club to promote healthy choices and a healthy lifestyle. It will be held on a Thursday after school and parents will be invited to attend the end of each session. The sessions will be run by Walsall Council and are free of charge. A letter will be sent out in the New Year.

CHATTERBOOKS

Next term, selected Y3 children have been chosen to take part in an after school club which will be run by the Y3 staff, to help promote and develop interest in books and reading. It is a free, national initiative and only 200 schools in the country have been selected to take part. Letters have already been sent out, but please see Mr Guy for further details.



UNIFORM, OUTDOOR BREAKTIME AND LESSONS/CLUBS

With the winter season now in full force, can you please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for break times, lunchtimes and P.E./sports lessons by providing a tracksuit, sweatshirt/jumper and/or joggers? It may also be useful to provide trainers if they go on the field.

If your child has a medical reason for not doing P.E./Games please can you write a note for the class teacher, rather than sending messages verbally via the school office?

Can you also ensure that children are wearing uniform with their name in; we don't have a lost property in school now, therefore it can be difficult to find lost uniform around school.

I have also noticed that some children are wearing black jumpers and cardigans, which need to be burgundy. It might also be a good opportunity to review footwear ready for the beginning of Spring Term.

MILK MONEY

A message from Mrs Tennant, can all milk money please be paid on a Monday, for the week, this is so that the order that is placed is correct. It is 20p per day, so £1 per week. Some parents also pay for a half-term at a time and you are welcome to do this if that is easier for you.

If your child is not in school on the Monday, due to illness, then they can pay for the remaining days of the week on their return.

SWIMMING

The first date back for swimming is Wednesday 13th January 2016. Please can you ensure that swimming kit is in school, with a swimming hat, costume and towel.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 15th December - Early Years NATIVITY Performance 10.00am & Performance 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th December - Nursery in all PM, (from 12.10pm) Christmas Parties & visit from Father Christmas in the afternoon, **children can bring party clothes to change into at lunchtime. Nursery can come dressed in party clothes**

Thursday 17th December - 10am Y3&Y4 Carol Service at St. Thomas Church, Mossley Estate, with Y5&Y6 in attendance, parents arrive not before 9.45am. If poor weather, the service will be held in school - texts will

be sent on the morning of the Carol Service if it is in school.

Friday 18th December - 9am WOW of the term assembly, including swimming awards & 100% attendance

Break up for Christmas holidays at **1.30pm** (please be aware of early finish)

Monday 4th January - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL**

Tuesday 5th January - Children return to school

Tuesday 12th January - Y3 and Y4 involved in Timezone History Day, in school and no cost - details to follow.

Friday 12th February - Break up for half term

Monday 22nd February - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL**

Thursday 24th March - Break up for Easter Holidays

I would like to thank you for your continued support this term. As a school we have increased in numbers steadily over the past few years, and with that, has come pressures on space in school and at drop-off and collection times. It is now impossible for us to do a whole school Christmas performance as we have done in previous years, but I hope that all parents have or will enjoy the nativity, pantomime, carol service or fantastic finishes for each year group.

With one week left, and as a final newsletter for 2015, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe and happy break.

Mr M. Gilbert
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