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13th November 2019 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's getting even busier in the run up to Christmas and so we would ask that you read newsletters and check diaries for our special events. Next week, we look forward to The Book Bus visiting on Monday 18th to coincide with Parents' Evening so you will be able to visit from 3pm with your child. Apologies, there was a mistake on the Parents' Evening letter. The dates should have been the 18th and 19th November and not the 25th and 26th November.

Thank you.

Cost of the school day...

We are always striving to improve things to support parents and with the dark nights starting to get even darker (earlier) we would like to encourage parents to use our After School Club and as a trial we would like to reduce the price to £2 per hour. This club runs from 3-5pm and is run by Tina and Jan.

This is in line with Bounce Breakfast, as we charge £1 for breakfast for 30 minutes we would like to reduce the hourly rate to £2 for After School Club. **The only way that we can ensure that this trial becomes permanent is if more families use the service.** We would also like to trial reducing the price of Movie Club to £2. The trial will run to just before Christmas and if it is successful then these prices will be made permanent. **Please note these trials would begin Monday 18th November.**

If your child would like to attend Movie Club, it is held in the school hall, every Friday, from 3.00-4.30pm. New members would be most welcome and the children, as part of their £2, receive lots of movie snacks!

Jan and Tina would also like to start a Christmas Art/Craft Club that would begin on Monday 18th November and run until Monday 16th December. This club would run from 3.00-4.30pm and will cost £2. As part of the £2 cost the children will have hot chocolate and biscuits. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the proforma below .

Please remember if your child is staying until 4.00pm/4.30pm children can be collected from the playground. If they are staying until 5pm, they can be collected via the school office.

Christmas Arts/Craft Club

I would like my children to attend the Christmas Art/Craft Club session that will take place every Monday from 3.00 to 4.30pm.

Child's name.....

Parent's signature.....

Children in Need (Friday 15th November)

Instead of making a £1 donation to our non-uniform day, we are asking parents to donate £1 to our School Fund and this will be donated to Children in Need. This year the theme is fitness based so we are asking all children to come to school ready to take part in a short fitness session. They can come to school dressed in: track suit bottoms, t shirt and trainers or a tracksuit. Thank you

(Article 24)

Shoebox Appeal

Before half term, William sent a letter out requesting items for our Shoebox Appeal. As yet, we haven't received any items or full shoebox donations. This is such a worthwhile appeal and I would just like to remind parents, if they can, to contribute and make Christmas a special time for these children. There is still time to donate as boxes will be collected from school on the 24th November (please return by Friday 22nd November). Thank you!

Dropping off/Picking up from school

I would ask that parents remember that we operate a one-way system during drop off and pick up times to ease congestion. If someone different is dropping off or collecting your child, for example: a childminder, grand parent or other family member please pass this information on.

It is getting colder as the year goes on but I would ask parents who live in the area to consider walking their children to school rather than taking the car as this would ease the congestion even more.

Parents have also made me aware that some parents that wait with their child, in the car, leaving their engines running which is harmful to others as well as the environment. Please remember to switch your engines off so that we are being more environmentally friendly. Thank you!

Mum to Mum Sale

There will be a Mum2Mum Sale taking place in our school hall on Saturday 16th November between 11am and 1pm. It will be £2 to enter and there are lots of bargains on sale!

Parent Questionnaires

We are always keen to have feedback so that we can improve what we do even more. You can complete a parent questionnaire online by going <http://wp.me/P6NnDQ-3mH> and you can complete the questionnaire online. If you would prefer completing a paper copy, these will be sent out to parents before the end of November.

I would ask parents to complete these to tell us what you love about our school but also to inform us if any areas need to be improved.

Thank you for your continued support.



Rights Respecting School

We were successful in gaining the Bronze award and we are working towards gaining the Silver award this academic year. As part of this, we will be including article numbers/statements in our newsletters. These articles can be viewed at https://www.unicef.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Our-rights_UNCRC.pdf