



School Newsletter

26th November 2020

Dear Parents

Our wonderful PFA have donated £100 to each class at school to enhance resources and provision in the classrooms. They have also booked and paid for a remote pantomime visit for all the children (as we can't have a real visit this year).

At this time, we would usually be organising our Christmas fair but due to COVID-19 we are having to do things differently this year - we have a few activities planned for the children.

1. **Tomorrow** (27th) - wear your Christmas socks and bring some chocs - please send your child to school in their Christmas socks and bring in some chocolates for the children's chocolate tombola. There will be a box to collect chocolate in on the school playground.

2. Wednesday 2nd Dec - a visit from Father Christmas - socially distanced outside on the playground and a go on the chocolate tombola with a guaranteed prize! Please send £3 in a named envelope for your child to take part in both these activities. We don't want anyone to miss out - if you're not able to send in £3 per child, please send in what you can. We would be grateful if any families could donate an additional £3. If you are able to do so, please add it to your envelope so it can be returned to you if it is not needed.

3. Christmas cards - one of our talented teaching assistants has painted a picture of our school in the snow. We are selling cards with this beautiful snowy Christmas scene on, £4 for 10 cards. These will be on sale on the playground before and after school over the next few weeks.

4. Friday 4th Dec - wear your Christmas jumper and bring in a bottle. Please send your child to school in their Christmas jumper and also send in a bottle for the raffle. We will use the bottles to make up raffle prizes. The main prizes will be a food hamper made by the staff, a boozy hamper, a pamper hamper and a M and S voucher. Raffle tickets will be on sale for £1 a strip on the school playground over the next few weeks with the draw being made on Friday 11th Dec in school.

5. Christmas film night (not for Astbury Acorns) - Thursday 10th December - more details to follow. We hope that your children will enjoy the activities that we have planned and that you will be able to support our fundraising activities as much as possible.

Many thanks

Mrs Bonney and the PFA team

Christmas Dinner:

Christmas dinner will be next week on Wednesday the 2nd of December. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 parents will not be able to join in this year. Booking will be via ParentPay – this will be a usual lunchtime booking. Christmas menus have been handed out this week!

Celebrations

<u>Friday 13th Nov</u>	<u>Noah</u>	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Jacob</u>	
Care, share and learn	Henry	Riley	Zachary	
Walk in love	Reuben	Xander	Jodi	
Secrets of success	Nancy	Michael	Judah	
Attendance	97.2	95.9	98.4	
<u>Team Points</u>	<u>St Andrew</u>	<u>St Patrick</u>	<u>St George</u>	<u>St David</u>
	53	46	48	75

<u>Friday 20th Nov</u>	<u>Noah</u>	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Jacob</u>	
Care, share and learn	Harvey	Emma	William and Danielle	
Walk in love	Ted	Leo	Maisie	
Secrets of success	Seth	Katie	Josh	
Attendance	88.4	97.7	100	
<u>Team Points</u>	<u>St Andrew</u>	<u>St Patrick</u>	<u>St George</u>	<u>St David</u>
	64	61	65	78

Diary Dates

Friday 27 th Nov	Wear Christmas socks and bring chocolate for the tombola
Monday 30 th November	Y1/2 RE lesson – virtual nativity – via Zoom Local Police Officer visiting Class Noah 7:30pm PFA meeting via Zoom – link to be emailed out
Week beg Monday 30 th November	Parents’ appointments for parents who did not have a SEN meeting in October. Please look out for emails from class teachers.
Wednesday 2 nd Dec	Christmas lunch – book the usual way through parent pay. Send £3 in a named envelope to see Father Christmas and have a go on the tombola
Friday 4 th Dec	Wear Christmas jumper and bring a bottle for the raffle (can be a pamper bottle, a non-alcoholic / alcoholic bottle or a bottle of fizz) Whole School writing activity

Thursday 10 th Dec	PFA film night after school – more details to follow (not for Acorns)
Friday 11 th Dec	Raffle draw in school
Monday 14 th Dec	Pantomime in school - virtual
Wednesday 16 th Dec	Nativity in church – to be recorded for parents / families
Friday 18 th Dec	9:15 Christingle in church – drop off at church please
Tuesday 5 th January	School opens for the Spring term



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Music for Life Lessons:

Bookings are now being taken for children who wish to start learning a musical instrument after Christmas, with the deadline for booking being Monday 21st December subject to a final confirmation from tutors that they can accommodate everyone. Should we find we are unable to accommodate anyone, we would of course keep parents fully informed.

New courses would start in the New Year and a course of instrument lessons may be an excellent idea for a Christmas gift!