



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1st December 2017



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of the families who took part in our Messy Church events over the past two weeks. We had so much fun making Christmas crafts with you and hope you did too. We also send a huge amount of thanks to Silverdale Elam Church who organised the wonderful event and to the Indian Fellowship who came to support us with it. Also to Mrs Oliver for organising these two great days. We are aiming to do some more Messy Church events in the Spring Term and hope you will join us then.

We are having a lot of parents coming into school via the doors from the playground at the beginning and end of the school day, we are responsible for safeguarding all our children, therefore if you need to access school for any reason, and please can you report to the main reception, thank you for continued support on this matter.

For safety reasons, please can I ask that the children no longer come to school on bikes and scooters. The weather has turned very cold and frosty, I'm sure you can appreciate my reasons for this; the safety of the children is always our priority.

We will be selling raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle from Tuesday. We guarantee some great prizes and will send out a list next week once we have finalised the prize list. Thank you to all those parents who have been busy asking for donations from local businesses.

Please can parents not ask to use our toilets during the school day. Adults unsupervised in school would be a safeguarding risk and we always need to ensure our children are kept safe at all times. Thank you for support in this.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%**. This week we achieved **94.4%**.

Clubs:

Next week will be our last for all clubs; we hope the children have enjoyed them. We will start new clubs after Christmas, which will be week commencing 8th January 2018.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The cut off day for ordering a Christmas dinner for your child was Wednesday 29th November 2017. The kitchen has now ordered the food for the day and therefore we are unable to add any children to the list sorry. If you have not requested/paid for a lunch you will need to send your child into school with a packed lunch from home.

Christmas Jumper Day:

We will be raising money for a local children's charity this year, please bring £1 and wear your Christmas jumper / top on Tuesday 12th December (Christmas dinner day).

FREE SCHOOL MEALS / MORRISONS VOUCHERS:

We are still offering a £20 gift voucher for Morrison, for any new free school meals claims that are successful. For further details please contact the school office.

Effort of the week:

Well done to the following children who won this week: Lacey Jankowiak, Jayden Pearce, Ryan Pickerill, Safiya Issa, Lacey Mae Taylor, James Holland, Lleyton Williamson, Gary Pearce, Abbie Meyrick-Pellington and Zachary Knott.

Good to be Green:

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Mia Cartlidge, Mateusz Wojciechowski, Maisy Grainger, Freddie Smith, Quinn Walton, Declan Jones, Sam Jones, Katie Marsden, Angel Baddeley and Jenson Everill.

Team Stars:

The running total so far:

Endeavour(blue) 24 Stars, Pioneer(green) 20 Stars, Voyager(yellow) 25 Stars, Discovery(red) 21 Stars.

Worship and Church News:

Our School's Christian values are COMMUNITY, RESPECT AND PERSEVERANCE. Autumn Term: Community. During Worship this week we have been focusing on acceptance. We have thought about what acceptance is, what role models we have and what makes a good role model. We have identified our own strengths and looked at our own positive attributes.

We have reflected on the bible quote, 'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.' (Psalm 139:13-15)

This Week's Prayer:

Dear God,

Make me the person you would have me be.

That I might do what you would have me to do.

Make of my life the most beautiful thing by reminding me who I am.

Amen.

Christmas Dates for the diary:

Date	Event
4 th December 2017	KS1 Trip to see Alice In Wonderland leaving at 12 noon
6 th December 2017	EYFS Trip to see Santa at Garners leaving at 9.20am
12 th December 2017	Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
13 th December 2017	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Performance at 1.30pm
13 th December 2017	EYFS and KS1 Disco 5.30 to 6.30pm
13 th December 2017	KS2 Disco 6.30 to 7.30pm
14 th December 2017	EYFS Christmas Performance at 9.30am
14 th December 2017	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Performance at 1.30pm
15 th December 2017	Years 3-6 Aladdin Panto leaving at 9.30am
18 th December 2017	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church 9.15am
18 th December 2017	Christmas parties afternoon - in school time
19 th December 2017	Autumn Progress Assembly 9:15
19 th December 2017	Year 6 to sing at Mill Rise 1.30 to 3pm
19 th December 2017	School closes for Christmas holiday

Contacting the School:

If you are contacting the school by telephone, please use the options to help you contact the right person for your query, a short message will be played giving you options, please choose **option 1** to report your child absent, **option 2** to speak to Miss Middleton our Home School linker worker, **option 3** for Mrs Moore in Finance, **option 4** to speak to the kitchen and **hold the line** to speak to Mrs Brown in the office.

Winter Weather:

Please see attached information regarding snow and bad weather. We will inform the local radio stations Radio Stoke and Signal Radio, who will make an announcement if the school is closed. A text message will be sent to the mobile phone number we have on our records (please inform the school of your new number if you changed it). School closures will be listed on the Staffordshire County Council site please follow the link below.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx> Please note you can sign up for an alert to your mobile if you log on to the site.