



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 5th January 2018



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas, myself and all the staff would like wish you all a Happy New Year. The children were welcomed back on to school by The Midnight Man in our special assembly. Every class will be doing lots of fantastic work and activities based on The Midnight Man book.

Homework: Attached to the newsletter is a copy of our homework policy. Please take time to have a read through and see what is expected for different year groups. In addition to the expected homework that is set there is a suggestion for activities that your child can do. There are also In addition there are links on the website (tab Links and Activities) for additional ideas, www.ksmacademy.com.

Clubs:

New clubs will start week commencing 8th January 2018. An additional letter has been sent out regarding this.

PTA Christmas Raffle:

Thank you so much for your support last month. We raised **£443.10p** for the PTA funds. Can I also thank all the parents who helped to secure prizes. At our next PTA meeting we will be discussing how to spend these valuable funds for the benefit of all our children.

Laches Wood – Year 6:

As you are aware we have booked a residential trip for the children to attend Laches Wood, we are so pleased that most of the children have decided to go and have paid their deposit. The remaining balance to pay is £60.00, which will be required no later than **Friday 26th January 2018**. We are happy for you to pay the remaining off in instalments if you would like to, you can bring the money to the office at any time and we will record this for you, and deduct it from the balance.

Medicine in school:

Just a reminder that, we are now **UNABLE** to administer any medicine **NOT** prescribed by a medical professional, for example Calpol, cough linctus etc. We hope you will support us on this matter.

Flu Vaccine:

The Immunisation Team will be visiting our school next, Monday 8th January 2018, for more information please see below website. The session will start at 9.30 am and will last approximately 2 hours.

<https://www.staffordshireandstokeontrent.nhs.uk/Services/school-Age-immunisation-team.htm>

Haircuts:

Please could we remind you of our school policy on haircuts and styles. *“Children should not come to school with fashion haircuts. We define fashion haircuts as specifically styled cuts such as hair dyed non-natural colours, tramlines, Mohicans and gel used to style the hair into extreme styles. Girls and boys with long hair will need to have it tied back at all times.”*

Make-up & nails:

Whilst we appreciate that the children like to experiment with make-up and nail fashion, please may we remind you that coming to school wearing make-up, false nails, nail extensions, gel and varnish polishes is not allowed. Parents will be contacted to come and remove these should a child comes to school wearing them.

Internet Safety:

It has been brought to our attention that some children in the school are accessing certain social media sites and Apps that are NOT age appropriate. Some of examples of these are; Youtube, Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest and Twitter. The age restrictions for these are aged 18, but some accounts can be activated by parents from the age of 13, this means none of these are suitable for our children. Please can you check your children’s internet use, we are concerned that the use of these sites may expose the children to unsuitable material and grooming. Our home school link worker, Miss Middleton has lots of information if you would like to call into the office and pick some up.

School Uniform:

Please can I remind you that the children do need to be wearing full school uniform at all times. This does include the wearing of school shoes and not trainers. Increasingly children are not wearing their school ties. Please can I ask for your support in ensuring your children do come in correct uniform each day.

Dates for the diary:

Date	Event
23rd January	Whole school book topic assembly 2:15pm start - Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents only.
24 th January	Whole school book topic assembly 2:15pm start Years 3,4, 5 and 6 parents only
25 th January	PTA 3:30pm
16 th February	School closes for half term
26 th February	School reopens
6 th March	Parents evening 3:20pm start
29 th March	Progress assembly 9:15am start School closes for Easter

Please note a change for the next Parent’s meeting from the list given out at the start of term – this will be on Tuesday 6th March not on Wednesday 7th March.

No Smoking Policy:

Please can I remind you all that smoking and the use of e-cigarettes is strictly forbidden on our school and Library grounds. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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.

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.