



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



# Friday Update

18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Little pleas for help!

- We have just had an Attendance Audit with the borough and one of the things they have highlighted is punctuality and holidays taken during term time. They are going to be holding Attendance Clinics and will be inviting some parents to attend. Please make every effort to have your child in school before the bell. Thank you
- I know we ask you to always let us know if your child is going home with someone different at night but it would be really helpful if you get let us know of any changes in the morning so that we can pass messages at lunchtime. We are having cases lately where lots of the calls are coming in at 3.00 p.m. which is a very busy time in the office and means that someone is having to run around at the last minute. Thank you
- The weather has been very wet and windy lately and is set to get really cold next week. Please remember to send your child to school with a coat. Children without coats will not be allowed out to play if it is cold or damp.

## On-line payments to school using ParentPay!

More parents are enjoying the advantages of using ParentPay. Bookings and payment can be made which also cuts out the need for you to complete forms. Don't forget Mondays are the last date you can order hot meals and Breakfast and Late Owls Club for the following week. If you would like to use ParentPay and need your pass word please let the office know. Thank you

## Children in Need

Wow! Thank you so much for your support and kind donations of cakes for the cake sale after school tonight. Its great seeing so many Pudsey's in school and all the children look great in their pyjamas. We will let you know how much we raise in the next newsletter. Thank you all once again.

## P.E. Message

Now that the weather has changed children can wear fingerless gloves and beanie style hats (no tassels) and tracksuits for P.E. Please make sure your child has a jumper when they have swimming lessons. Thank you

## PTFA NEWS.

**PTFA Quiz Night** is next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 p.m. The prizes and wooden spoons are all ready – we are looking forward to the quiz. Please return order forms and payment as soon as possible. Thank you

## Christmas Fayre and Mufti Day - FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

We are really looking forward to this year's fayre. If you are able to donate any of the following items we would be very grateful – toiletries, bottles of alcohol/non-alcoholic drinks, new or nearly new gifts, chocolates and sweets, bric-a-brac and of course Lucky Jars. There are spare jars in the office to fill with treats and decorate for our popular stall. Non uniform day is on the same day. Children are asked to wear something red or Christmassy for a £1 donation or a bottle for the tombola. No football kits or high heels please.

**Christmas Colouring Competition** – The children brought home a Christmas Colouring Competition which will be judged at the Christmas Fayre. Don't forget to send them back with the 50p donation if your child would like to enter the competition.

**Book Fair** Parents you are wonderful, as well as supporting Children in Need, the British Legion Poppy Appeal and hopefully the Christmas Fayre you also supported the Book Fair that was held after school last week. Thanks to your purchases the school has been able to buy £181 worth of books for the school Library. A big thank you to Miss Molly for organizing this event.

**Computer Code Club** 15 of our Code Club children were invited to J. P. Morgan yesterday. The children said it was amazing. We were given activities during the day including making a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows and building mechanical lego and coding them to move. We also chatted to people in London. All the people were really helpful.

### **SCHOOL TOPICS**

The school topics that your children are covering this half term are on the school website. If you have a look there is a lot of information. Friday Update, parent letters, term dates, admissions information etc are all there. The website is kept up to date weekly – just have a look!

### **School Photographs**

If your child missed having their photo taken or you would like family photos, Fraser Portraits are holding another session on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Broadstone Memorial Hall from 3.30 – 7.00 p.m. They are honouring the prices charged at school but you do need to book a slot by phoning 01202 692433.

### **Community News**

Fr. Nicholas King is giving a talk on Can We Handle the Old Testament at St. Mary's Church in Poole over sessions held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January. For more information please call 01202 661869.

There are a lot of activities taking place in Westbourne between now and Christmas. We have placed the information on our Web site. Please have a look

### **Admissions - Reception**

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2017 now is the time to be applying for a place. The closing date for admissions for Reception is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

### **Dates for your Diaries:**

Below are all the dates for every event that is happening between now and Christmas and just beyond

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Quiz night
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 visit to Hampton Court
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Liturgy lead by Year 4 school hall at 9.15 a.m.
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – PTFA Christmas Fayre after school
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Hedgehogs Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Senior Citizens concert 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9.30 a.m.
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch for all children who order
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Peter Pan Panto in the school hall
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 carols 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.30 p.m.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – School opens at 8.50 a.m. for Spring Term
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January Upper School Mass celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany at 9.15 in the hall (Years 4 – 6)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – School Liturgy lead by Year 1
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Staff Training Day – School Closed

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*If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officer Mrs. O'Donoghue.*