



# Friday Update



10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## 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.
- Just a little reminder, although we encourage attendance in school as much as possible there are occasions when we ask you to keep your child at home. On advice from the Health Protection Agency we ask you keep children at home for 48 hours following an attack of sickness or diarrhoea to avoid the spread of tummy upset to other children.

## Early Birds and Late Owl Clubs

We ask you to book and pay for sessions in advance either via our ParentPay system or on the booking forms in the Reception area. We understand that there are occasional emergencies when you need to do a last minute booking but these **MUST BE PAID FOR** before you leave your child at Early Birds Club (£2 per session) or when you collect from Late Owls Club (£6 for up to 4.45 session or £9 for the 6.00 p.m. session)

## Children in Need

We are asking all children to wear something 'spotty' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November or anything from Children In Need for a £1 donation. We are also holding a cake sale after school on that day to help raise funds for this wonderful cause. Please can you help by donating cakes and supporting the sale. Thank you all once again.

## British Legion Remembrance Poppy Appeal

We have poppies, snap bands, bracelets, friendship bands and reflective poppies for sale in the office or in the school playground after school.

## PTFA NEWS.

### 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 Cards** – Please can any orders for your child's Christmas cards with payment be in school by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you

**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 £75 worth of books for the school Library. A big thank you to Miss Molly for organizing this event.

## Lost Property

As we have a build-up of Lost Property, it will be on display in the playground before and after school every day next week.

## Christmas Lunch

**Christmas Lunch** will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This will replace the usual Thursday roast dinner. If you have already ordered lunch for your child on that day and you are happy for it to be the Christmas Lunch you do not need to reorder. If you wish to order Christmas Lunch or change your order please can you do so on the Hot Meal order forms outside the school office or via our ParentPay system. Lunch on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> will now be sausage and mash. Thank you

## Whole School Mass

The whole school mass will also be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The children from Reception to Year 2 will be going to and from St. Joseph's Church by coach. The children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be walking to and from church. If anyone is available to walk with the children please can you let the office know. Thank you.

## 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!

## Admissions - Reception

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2018 now is the time to be applying for a place. The closing date for admissions for Reception is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

## Dates for your Diaries:

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

## Dates for your Diaries:

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 trip to Hampton Court
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Mass led by Class 4EC
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – PGL information meeting for current Year 5 parents
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Flu immunisation for Reception – Year 4
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Life Education Bus in school
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Choir to Poole Lighthouse Christmas Concert 7.00 p.m.
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Non-uniform day for PTFA Christmas Fayre
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – PTFA Christmas Fayre after school
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Hedgehogs Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Senior Citizens concert 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9.45 a.m.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch for all children who order
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Panto in the school hall
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas Parties
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 carols 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.30 p.m.

## January 2018

- Tuesday 2nd January – Staff Training Day
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - School opens at 8.50 a.m. for Spring Term

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If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers  
Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Thomas.*