

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016



Poppies will be available to buy from next week. Please join us in showing your support.

Don't forget parents' evening

This year in a change to our usual Autumn Parents' Evening format, we have taken on board your comments and split the KS2 meetings into Maths and Literacy evenings. If you have sent in your booking form, this should by now have been returned to you. If you have not received it, please pop into the office and we can check appointments for you. The Reception and KS1 Parents' Evening will now be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December from 2.00pm – 7.00pm and we will be sending details home shortly.



Many of you were here earlier in the week when we held a fire drill. We are legally required to hold these drills once a term and we vary the times in order to cover every scenario. I am sure you will agree that the children were superb, finding their class, lining up and listening for the teachers to call the registers. For future reference anyone who should not be in school **must** leave the premises immediately. We have 190 children on roll, plus our Little Jesters and I am sure that you will agree our focus as always must be to ensure that every child is safe and accounted for. Thank you to those of you who have commented on how impressed you were with the drill and the calm and professional way it was handled by all.



This year our PTA Christmas event will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 6.00pm – 8.00pm and we hope you will all come along and join us. There will be plenty of lovely stalls selling Christmas gifts as well as music, games, face painting and refreshments. We would like to ask for donations for the bottle and jam jar tombola stalls and would be grateful if these could be brought into school on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please could KS2 children bring in donations for the bottle tombola and Little Jesters, Reception and KS1 something for the jam jar tombola, (this can be any jar, decorated and filled with anything such as sweets, stationery, hair clips, small toys etc.). **Please note, this is not a non uniform day.** Thank you in advance for your continued support.



A quick reminder that on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November the school photographer will be here. They will be taking individual and family photos. If your child(ren) has siblings not yet at school and you would like them photographed together, please arrive at 8.30am and head to the hall. If all of your children are at school, we will arrange the family photos throughout the morning. Thank you.



Our younger children are already busy preparing for their Christmas performances. Be sure to keep an eye open for letters and to check the blogs regularly for information. In the past we have invited parents to come to the dress rehearsals as well as the main performances, however this year we have an increased number of children and space/seating is at a premium. Therefore we ask that you only attend the dress rehearsal if you are unable to attend the performance itself. Thank you.



The KS2 Festive Evening will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church and the PTA will be on hand to serve refreshments. We will send more information closer to the time.



As the weather is now decidedly colder, please ensure that your child has a coat when they come into school. The children are outside during break and lunchtimes and some of the lesson time may also be outside. Although many of the children take off their coats when running around it is important that they are able to pop it back on if they are cold. Thank you.



This year we are supporting Children in Need and will be holding a non uniform day on 18<sup>th</sup> November. The theme of the day is 'SPOTS', so go a little crazy and see just how much spotty clothing you can wear in one go! Please bring in a £1 donation to help us support this very worthy cause.

We have a few changes in staff to tell you about –



Mr Lord who has been in Year 2 since September is leaving us and will be replaced by Mr Gresty from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We are sure that you will all make Mr Gresty welcome. Mrs Coburn is leaving us at Christmas to take on an exciting new role with the NSPCC. We are busy recruiting for her replacement and we will keep you all informed. We would like to wish them both all the best for the future.

And finally Mrs Perrin will be taking an extended break. Her role in school as Teaching Assistant will be filled by Mrs Nadine, who will be joining us from Monday and her After School Club duties will be covered by the existing Explorers staff. We will all look forward to having Mrs Perrin 'back in the fold' as soon as she is able.



We are currently looking to recruit a Midday Supervisor to work on a casual basis, as and when needed. As well as helping out in the dinner hall, you will be expected to supervise the children on the playground / field and in the classrooms during wet play. You will need to be physically fit as the role includes setting out and putting away tables and chairs. If you are interested, application forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website.



Once again, may we remind you that ParentPay accounts **must** be kept in credit at all times. If your account is in arrears, please make sure that you send your child in with a packed lunch until such time that the account is in credit. Thank you.



And finally, we would like to wish our Football and Netball teams good luck for their upcoming fixtures and to thank those parents who have offered assistance with transport to the venues.

Best regards

Debbie Marklove and staff

### DIARY DATES

- November 7<sup>th</sup> – Individual & Siblings Photographs
- November 10<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Literacy Parents' Evening 2.00pm – 7.00pm
- November 17<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Maths Parents' Evening 2.00pm – 7.00pm
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas Event 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal 9.15am
- December 1<sup>st</sup> – EYFS Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal 9.30am
- December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Experience Christmas at St. Mary's Church
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Christmas Production 2.00pm
- December 6<sup>th</sup> – Reception & KS1 Parents' Evening 2.00pm – 7.00pm
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Christmas Production 2.00pm
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Christmas Production 6.00pm
- December 9<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Christmas Production 2.00pm
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Festive Evening at St. Mary's Church 6.30pm
- December 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

