



# Newsletter 4

24th November 2016

## NOVEMBER

\*25th: Christmas Making Day/  
Bank closes/HSA non-uniform  
for cakes and chocolates

\*Sat 26th, 11–1pm: Xmas Fayre

## DECEMBER

\*1st: Year 3 singing for Spire  
FM

\*2nd: Yr 6 → SWGS & clubs end

\*6th, 7th & 8th: Nativity

\*9th: Christmas dinner

\*12th: Robins visit Cathedral for  
tour and puppet show

\*13th: NSPCC assemblies & King-  
fishers go to pantomim

\*14th: Elves and the Shoemaker:  
visiting theatre company

\*15th: Christmas parties

\*16th: Xmas Jumper Day, sing-  
along @ 2:15pm, **Term 2 ends**

## JANUARY 2017

\***Tues 3rd: Term 3 starts**

\*13th @ 3:15: Yr 5 Leeson House  
mtg

\*20th @ 3:15: Yr 6 Tregoyd mtg

\*23rd—clubs start

\*26th: "Walk Safe" Yrs 1 & 3

## FEBRUARY 2017

\*7th: Reception → Waitrose

\*7th: Safer Internet Day +  
evening family workshops led by  
NSPCC

\*9th @ 3:15: Talent Show and  
Term 3 ends

\*10th: **School is closed**

\*20th: **Term 4 starts**

## MARCH 2017

\*22nd–24th: Yr 5 → Dorset

## APRIL 2017

\*7th: **Term 4 ends**



## Christmas is coming!

**Thursday 1st December:** Christmas cards (helpfully addressed with the name and class of the recipient!) can be posted in the entrance hall. Year 3 will also be singing in Spire FM's annual advent countdown.

### The Nativity

Tickets will be available from the office from Monday 28th November. Robins, Magpies, Woodpeckers and Kingfishers will perform on:

**Monday 5th:** Dress rehearsal

**Tuesday 6th** at 9:30: All are welcome!

**Wednesday 7th @ 9:30:** A DVD will be made of this performance which families can purchase for £10. This is a quiet, adult-only audience

**Thursday 8th @ 6pm:** final performance.

**Friday 9th:** Christmas dinner—please place your orders today!

**Wednesday 14th:** "The Elves and the Shoemaker"

**Thursday 15th:** Christmas Breakfast Club and Christmas parties: children are invited to wear their party clothes for an afternoon of fun and a visit from you-know-who!

**Friday 16th:** Wear a seasonal jumper and make a donation for "Save the Children". Please don't buy a 'Christmas' jumper (unless you want to) as seasonal additions like tinsel or baubles will be perfect! At **2:15pm**, a 'sing-along' will mark the start of the Christmas break and we hope you can come!

## Wanted - Parent/Carer governor!

School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. The governing body has a key role in the development and oversight of the school. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for finance in schools, and who work with the Headteacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources. The governing body does not get involved with the day to day running of the school, which is the responsibility of the Headteacher, or fundraising. We have six meetings a year plus termly com-

mittee meetings e.g regarding curriculum or finance. Training is available for introductory and more specialised topics. We currently have one parent governor vacancy. We would particularly welcome interest from parents/carers with human resources and/or leadership skills. To understand further details of the role please contact the Clerk to Governors

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**Thursday 15th December 2016**

We raised an astonishing £287.37 for the pooppy appeal, £120.78 for Children in Need and we collected 46 shoeboxes. Thankyou very,very much.

Do remember that you can **pay** for lunches and trips **online**—ask the office ladies if you need to know how!



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Attendance: Kingfisher 1

Classroom award: Herons

Golden Plimsoll: Magpies

Wiltshire Council have launched an online survey for parents/carers that have a child aged 0-14? (0-19 with a disability?) to complete the survey please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-survey](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-survey) by 31st December.

## Meet the Governors

As a governor within our school community, I have been privileged to witness the daily hard work by all members of the Manor Fields School community to ensure the children have the best opportunities to learn. What an amazing start to the year it has been with the children able to experience so many exciting enriching activities! Already within this short space of time, there have been so many examples of the children's opportunities to learn within school and our local community. From the European day of Languages, dance workshops and performances for families and carers, to the children being able to attend film festivals, and the Year 6 children attending South Wilts Grammar School for science workshops, and these are only some examples of opportunities the children have had.

Over the next few weeks there will be many opportunities for all members of our school community to be involved with the many events that will be happening. Governors do attend many of the school events so please do come and have a chat. On the school website you can find the names with pictures of governors so you will know who we are!

After many years of being a Governor at fantastic Manor Fields School I will be resigning from the Governing Board at the end of this month and Anna Dobie has been elected as Chair of Governors. I will remain as a volunteer within our school community and will be going onto volunteer with a local charity.

*Linda Lane*

### Wintery conditions

In the event of poor weather, particularly snowfall, we may need to close the school for health and safety reasons. Should this be the case, we will inform all families via text, the website and alert SpireFM.

In the event of ice, we will grit the path from Highbury Avenue to our main entrance but not the car park.

### Staff changes

At Christmas, Mrs Warren and Mrs Porter will embrace the joys of retirement. We sincerely thank them for a combined total of over 30 years of diligent and committed service; we will show our appreciation for all that they have done for our school at the end-of-term 'sing along'.

From Friday 25th November, we will temporarily say 'goodbye' to Sally Tedd who will be taking a short break to concentrate on her own health and well-being.....for a change!

Lastly, we warmly welcome Jo O'Kane (Kingfisher 1 teacher), Abbi Nutt (Spanish teacher) and David Pennell, Jackie Davis and Julie Lawton who all join our support staff team

## Working together



As a community, working together to keep our children safe is vital. Therefore, please could families try to avoid using mobile phones when collecting children from clubs, especially those activities where children need to change their clothes.