

Margaret Coates Centre Newsletter No: 6 Friday 1st December 2017



DIARY DATES

Saturday 2nd December 11:00am – 1:00pm – Margaret Coates Centre Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 5th December 10:15am for 10:30am start – Christmas Play

6th December – Sainsbury's carol singing

7th December – Kenzo's birthday party **(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE)**

Saturday 9th December 10:30am – 12:00pm – Saturday Club

11th December – Lord Mayor's Christmas party Platinum and Gold

12th December – Horse riding for Silver and Gold and Christmas dinner

13th December – Laaibah Birthday party

14th December – Joshua Teague's birthday party

15th December – Laila's and Jesse's birthday parties , Last day of Term 2.

We can now whisper it quietly but Christmas is finally here. The children have decorated the tree and we are putting the finishing touches to the Christmas play. The advent calendars are up and the children are singing festive songs! We hope to see you at Sainsbury's to join us for carol singing. Sainsbury's have very generously agreed to allow us to collect for FOMCU and perform Christmas carols. If last year is anything to go by the public of Odd Down should be in for a treat! This week I have been fortunate enough to join Silver and Gold Class as well as Platinum class to cover staff absence and it was a pleasure to see the learning at first hand. I am incredibly proud of the attitude to learning our young people have and they are supported by some really talented adults.

Christmas Play ~ The children have been practising hard to learn their lines in readiness for the play on Tuesday. Please make every effort to attend as this is the culmination of many weeks of hard work on the children's part. There is a letter that has come home asking you to indicate how many people will be attending. Please can you complete this so we can ensure we have enough seats set out in the hall for you. There will be tea, coffee and a raffle after the event.

Home visits ~ Please let us know if you require any behaviour support or would like to meet to discuss the progress of your child and strategies to support them. Class teachers are able to come and meet with you at home and see your child at home and reinforce any messages to support you at home. Please write in the home school book if you would like a visit.

Reading at home and supporting your child with English ~ Our school follow a programme called Read, Write Inc to help with teaching reading, writing and spelling. A number of parents over the last couple of weeks have asked for a little more information. Please have a look at this website as there is a wealth of information. <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/> Many thanks for your support with their learning as together we can achieve the very best for them!

Christmas Fayre ~ We are looking forward to welcoming you all to the Christmas Fayre tomorrow. Please do bring friends and family too. It promises to be a lovely event with a pony, bouncy castle, cakes and fun activities. Many thanks to all the parents and staff that have put in lots of effort to make this event possible.

The Giving Machine ~ Please remember to use the giving machine website when doing any Christmas shopping as at no extra cost FOMCU will receive additional funding when you shop. Thank you Michael Bogg, Centre Manager



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Platinum Class – The last couple of weeks have flown by and we have been focussing on rehearsals for the Christmas play, creating the set and prop-making as well as creating our own class advent calendar. Last week the children undertook a variety of reading, writing and maths assessments and they all did themselves proud. Showing incredibly positive attitudes to the challenges and displaying all they have learnt over the last two terms brilliantly. Well done to all of them.

Gold Class – Excitedly we had a visit from a magician. The children were very engaged by Andy's amazing tricks, there was lots of talking about how he did things and lots of "wow's".



In Maths we have been learning about shape names and their properties also recognising the different coins and counting money amounts. We saw the results of our science test and agreed that sugary drinks should be a treat, with water and milk proving to be better drinks to keep our teeth healthy. During topic we looked at the features of our own planet and researched why Neil Armstrong is an important person in history.



Silver class have started getting ready for Christmas, we've had lots of fun decorating our Christmas tree, and written letters to Santa, which we will get ready to post! We've been learning new Christmas songs ready for the play, and enjoyed dressing up in our play costumes. We've been playing with some new games; the pretend pizza set and Jumping Frogs have been popular!

