

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the busiest time of the school year and the children and staff are working hard towards the many activities and events that are planned for the start of the festive season.

### Staff News

Thank you for your support following the loss of Mrs Deer this term. We will be holding a special celebration assembly on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and would like everyone to wear something green for the day, as we will be raising awareness for the work of MacMillan Cancer Support.

### Crossing Patrol

Vanessa Saunders, our wonderful crossing patrol assistant, will unfortunately be out of action from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 for 6 weeks. I will let you know when she is able to return to work.

### Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you for your support with the annual Poppy Appeal, we raised £256, which is double the previous highest total for our school.

### Children in Need

Thank you for the tremendous support for Children in Need as well. The different activities organised by the school council raised the phenomenal amount of £625, another doubling of the previous highest total. Well done everyone.

### School Meals

The Christmas school lunch will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Foundation and KS1 pupils will be entitled to their Universal Free Meal as normal. For KS2 pupils who would like Christmas lunch the cost will be £2.30. Please order in the normal way.

Please remember that the agreed policy is to pay for school meals in advance; if your child regularly has a school meal you will need to make sure there are sufficient funds in the account. Payments can be made via The Feeding Hungry Minds website at [www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk](http://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk)

### FOCS

"Friends of Chudleigh School" has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

This is fantastic news, the money raised will go towards a new school mini bus. We are already half way there. Thank you to everyone who has supported us and the school so far.

We would really appreciate it if you could continue with your valued support by becoming a co-op member and choosing us online, as your local charity, at the Co-op local community fund. [www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund)

### Aladdin

The Pyramid Pantomime Company will be visiting us again this year on the afternoon of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. This event is for all the children in the school and has kindly been funded by FOCS as a Christmas treat. Thank you FOCS.

### Christmas Countdown

With Christmas approaching fast please find below a calendar of events:

KS2 (Y3,4&5) production of Scrooge A Ghost of a Chance - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 2.00PM & 6.30PM, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6.30PM. FOCS will be providing refreshments for the evening shows.

Y1&2 plus Orchestra & Choir Carol Singing at Chudleigh Christmas Market - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 5.30PM at school for 6.00PM start at Church.

Pyramid Pantomime Company Aladdin - Performance for the whole school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 2.00PM (School only).

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 12.00PM.

Foundation Stage Nativity Service in Church - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (school only), Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 10.00AM for parents.

Christmas Singalong - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 9.30AM in the school hall. This will be a non-uniform day in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support, so why not wear your Christmas Jumper or something Christmassy?

*'Inspiring everyone, learning together, achievement for all'*

Suggested donation £1. In previous years parents have been able to attend this event, but due to the increasing size of the school it will now be a school only event as we just can't fit everyone in otherwise.

### Christmas Cards

The school post box, sorted daily by our Y6 Posties, is available in the main entrance hall. All cards placed in this box **must** have the class of the child receiving the card clearly stated on the envelope. It is also important to include the surname where there may be more than one child with the same first name in a class. This will all help to avoid any upsets and confusion.

### News From:

Chudleigh Community Project - Help needed for various tasks over the winter/spring period to ensure the pool is ready for next summer. It sounds a long time away but work needs doing all the time so, if you can help with a particular task or on a more regular basis, please contact Chris Evans on [maintenance@chudleighpool.org.uk](mailto:maintenance@chudleighpool.org.uk)

The Phoenix Chudleigh - Afternoon Tea with Santa on December 18th and 19th at 3pm-5pm. Tickets Only (11 years and under only) £7.00 per child, Includes buffet, coffee/tea and a mince pie for 1 adult and a present from Santa.

South West Athletics Academy - Open to any child aged 4-11; come and have a go at Riverside Leisure Centre, Exeter. The cost is £7 per child per session if pre booked (non-member) and £6 (member) if you wish to just turn up on the day this will be £8 per child. To book please visit their website [www.sw-athletics-academy.co.uk](http://www.sw-athletics-academy.co.uk)

Total 14 Football Academy - Are looking for new recruits for Under 5's, 6's, 7's and 8's. We follow a Dutch coaching syllabus of total football focusing on technique, skills and fun. Please contact Craig 07712 260901 or Micky 07800 987237.

Hangar 7 parties in outer space at Hannah's @ Seale Hayne, contact Alan 07904 247588, [sunnyalan@hotmail.com](mailto:sunnyalan@hotmail.com) or visit [www.hangar7.org](http://www.hangar7.org) for more details.

Angel Heart Puppet Theatre show is Snow White, at 3pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for children, available now from Chudleigh DIY or call Lynn and Chris on 01626 852553. Refreshments available.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

If I don't see you at any of the events over the next couple of weeks can I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas. I look forward to working with you again in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



David Barnett  
Headteacher

### Dates

#### Spring

03.01.18	First day of Spring Term
31.01.18	Curriculum Evening (English & Maths)
05 - 09.02.18	Whole School International Week
12 - 16.02.18	Half-Term
06.03.18 & 08.03.17	Parent teacher meetings
29.03.18	Last day of term

#### Summer

16.04.18	First day of Summer Term
09.05.18	Y4 Camp
14.05.18	Y6 SATs Week
21.05.18	Outdoor Learning Week
28.05.18 - 01.06.18	Half-Term
14.06.18	Arts Festival at Teign School
25-29.06.18	Teign Y6 Transition Week
02 - 06.07.18	Y6 Camp
05.07.18	Y5 Transition Day at Teign
09.07.18	Annual reports issued
17 & 18.07.18	School Sports Days
20.07.18	Last day of term

