



Courage, Joy, Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility ***Newsletter - 10th November 2017***

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school following our half term break - I hope everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for the next half term which is set to be very busy and exciting as we build up to all the Christmas festivities.

Thank You

Thank you so much to the PTA for organising a wonderful Halloween Disco prior to half term - the children had such a wonderful time and we really appreciate all your hard work. Thank you also to all of you who came to support the opening of our new building, it was a joy to see so many people from our community there.

Christmas Fair

Please note a change of date for our Christmas Fair - this will now be on the 1st December from 3.30pm - 5.30pm. If you would like to run a stall or an activity at the event, please do contact the office. We will be running a cake sale at the Fair and would really appreciate it if you could donate a cake/ cakes for the stall. We would also appreciate any donations we could use as prizes for our tombola. Finally, we would be grateful for any contributions of filled jars for our jar tombola (filled with sweets, toys, stationery, etc). The PTA are very kindly helping us - see their request for help overleaf.

Christmas Performances

The Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Christmas Performances will be on Monday 4th December at 6.30pm AND Wednesday 6th December at 2.30pm and 6.30pm in the school hall.

The Reception Christmas Performances will be on Tuesday 5th December at 2.30pm and 6.30pm in the school hall.

The KS2 Carol Service will be in St Agnes Parish Church at 6.30pm on Thursday 7th December.

Children In Need

The Big Spotaclar is next Friday 17th November -we are inviting children to come into school dressed in spots. We welcome a donatation of 50p from children who are spotty!

Scholastic Book Fair

Books will be for sale in our library from 3 - 3.45pm on Friday 17th November and Monday 20th November. Please do come and have a browse!

Considerate Parking

Please make sure that if you have to drive to school, you are considerate about where you park. It is important that there is always a through route and that no cars block access to other vehicles.

Active Breakfast & Dr Bike

On Tuesday 28th November, we will be hosting an Active Breakfast in the school hall from 8.15am - 8.45am. All children who travel to school in an active way are invited to come to the breakfast for a snack and chat before school. This can include children who walk part of the way (if they live a considerable distance from school). Children who arrive by council-run taxis, can have the opportunity to be a part of the Active Breakfast by doing a quick exercise session with Mrs Mills before school. Please note this will be a top up breakfast of a snack rather than a full breakfast so please make sure your child still has breakfast before they leave for school. On this same day, we will have Dr Bike and his assistant in school. They will do bike and scooter safety checks on any that are left on school property. If you would like them to check your child's bike or scooter, please make sure they are left at school on Tuesday 28th November.

St Agnes Active Travel challenge

In order to promote healthy and eco - friendly journeys to school, every Wednesday we will be recording how the children travelled to school. The class with the least amount of car use will win custody of our cuddly travel bear 'Piran' for the week.

Winter Warriors

Following the letter you recently received about the Winter Warriors photo and slogan competition, don't forget the deadline for entries is next Tuesday 14th November. The winning entry will be turned into a banner that we will display proudly at the front of the school - best of luck to all of our entrants!

A Word From The PTA

£740 was raised at the Halloween disco. We would like to thank everyone who helped at this event especially Mark Warren for the disco, Sally Gardiner for the decorations and Mrs Mills and Miss Lawton and their team of teachers for helping to oversee the event.

For this disco we had an unprecedented number of late ticket requests, especially for Reception /Key Stage 1 which resulted in a much longer wait than usual for children coming into the hall. Please try to return the permission slip on time, direct to the PTA box, and remember to write your child's name and class clearly on the form. If you know a disco or popcorn club is coming up and you haven't had a form (we usually send them out about 10 days before) please get a spare form from under the PTA box. We will be making some changes for the next disco to improve both signing in and out.

The tea towels will be distributed this week and have raised £650. The popcorn clubs will be on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November and the films will be Despicable Me 3 and Boss Baby. The Christmas Fair will be on Friday 1st December (please note the change of dates).

Help Needed ...

Can you help us between 3.15 - 5.30 pm on 1st December?

Can you make homemade mince pie cakes?

Do you want to run your own craft stall for £10?

Can you donate old posh frocks or unwanted presents for our 'nearly-new' stall?

Can you contribute to our raffle?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, then please text Rory on 07779 013281 or post your interest into the PTA box with your details.

Thank you for supporting the PTA to help all our children.

November

- Thursday 16th - Second hand book sale/swap and lost property in the hall from 3pm
- Friday 17th - Year 6 Class Assembly 9.05am
- Friday 17th - Scholastic Book Fair 3pm-3.45pm
- Monday 20th - Scholastic Book Fair
- Thursday 23rd - Parent information evening - Maths No Problem 5.30pm

December

- Friday 1st - Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 5th - EYFS Nativity
- Wednesday 6th - KS1 Christmas Performance
- Thursday 7th - KS2 Carol Service
- Tuesday 12th - EYFS Christmas Party
- Wednesday 13th - Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 14th - Year 1 Christmas Party
- Friday 15th - Year 2 Christmas Party
- Monday 18th - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
- Tuesday 19th - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party

INSET DAYS 2018

- Thursday 4th January 2018
- Monday 16th April 2018