



19th October 2011

Dear Parents,

The first half term seems to have flown, as I write I believe there are ten weeks until Christmas!

We have had lots of activities going on over the past weeks including several Educational visits and also visitors into school. The U9/U11 football teams have enjoyed a successful start to the season.

We are currently enjoying Multi-Cultural Week and are very appreciative to all those parents and families who have contributed to make this an enjoyable week.

Allotment

We are revamping the allotment which is the bottom plot as you turn into Rookery Lane; Mr T Hutchinson spent the other Sunday rotivating the ground ready for planting a potato crop. We have plans in place for developing the allotment further and wondered if any parents or grandparents have any of the following items which would help us to set up the ground more effectively. This is part of our overall Eco Club plan.

- Weed control fabric or durable black plastic 50 metres in length and 2-4 metres wide.
- 20-50 metres of blue heavy duty plastic water pipe (to make cloche standards).
- 3-4 of the moveable site building fences (good for growing things up).
- 6 x2 metre long scaffolding poles.
- Any old scaffolding wooden boards in reasonable condition.
- Any large fruit netting or allotment netting.
- Any other useful items. Thank you.

Uniform

Could I please remind you that Pre Prep girls and boys should arrive in school wearing school caps or boaters.

Lost property

Please ensure that every item of uniform is clearly named with stitch-in labels so that we can return it to its rightful owner.

Parking/Picking up

I realise that parking is by no means easy but do please park safely.

Whilst the staff and I know that sometimes you are willing to help each other by walking children down to their parents' cars, unfortunately, we are unable to release children to go with other parents unless we have been informed previously. This is a Safeguarding matter and for everyone's safety. The same is true for anyone other than the normal person picking up at the end of the school day; we do need to have parents' permission in order to release children to anyone else.

Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse

Your child will be bring a leaflet home to give you guidance on making another child happy at Christmas time. An important aspect of donating each shoe box is that a donation of £2.50 is enclosed in the shoe box to cover shipping and distribution. Therefore, would you please ensure that your shoe box contains this donation.

All shoe boxes need to be in by Wednesday 9th November in readiness for our collection on 14th November.

Diary

We break up for half term on Friday October 21st (Joe's Club as usual). This is a non-uniform day and all children are asked to bring in £1. Please do not forget your sponsor forms for the Skittles event which is also being held on Friday 21st October.

We return to school on Monday 31st October (Don't forget British Summer Time ends on 30th October).

- 1st November PTA AGM 7.30pm in school hall. Please come along to support our school.
- 3rd November Swimming recommences again for P5/P6.
- 4th November PCSO Glen in School to lead an assembly on fireworks.
- 9th November All Shoe Boxes need to be in – ensure that your box has £2.50 enclosed!
- 11th November Autumn Lights Disco 6.30pm until 8.00pm
- 14th November P4 out on school trip to The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery
- 14th November Shoe Box Appeal Collection
- 16th November P3 out on school trip to The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery
- 17th November Gymnastics at St Dominic's Brewood.
- 20th November PTA Ladies Evening at the Arch Restaurant.
- 22nd November P5 assembly.
- 1st December Last swimming session.
- 2nd December Prep trip to see Alice in Wonderland. All Prep require a packed lunch
- 5th December Reports issued this week.
- 6th December Non-Uniform Day in exchange for PTA Christmas Hamper goodies.
- 8th December Reception and Pre Prep Christmas Concert 2pm.
- 9th December Reception and Pre Prep Christmas Concert 2pm.
- 13th December N/Rec /PP1 assembly with Father Rob (for children only).
- 13th December Prep Carol Service at Holy Trinity 7pm (part of the curriculum **all** children expected to attend).
- 14th December Choir Carol Singing at Trentham Gardens.
- 14th December Nursery/Reception at New Vic Theatre (late pick-up, coach is due back between 4-4.45pm and 5pm).
- 14th December PTA Raffle draw assembly.
- 15th December Choir Carol singing at the Meadows.
- 15th December Nursery Nativity/Festive Fun afternoon 2pm. Nursery Parents are welcome.
- 16th December Christmas Film Morning
- 16th December Christmas Mass 2pm at St Teresa's.
- 16th December End of term (Joe's Club as usual).
- 3rd January 2012 School Re-opens.

I look forward to welcoming you to some of these events as we head towards Christmas.

Thank you for your continuing support.

God bless.

Yours sincerely,

S. D. Hutchinson .

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