

Newsletter

December 2017



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Not many 'sleeps' until Christmas!

This term is always such a busy term and by the time we get to Christmas, children and adults are exhausted!

Children in Need

The children enjoyed a mad half hour maneuvering around an obstacle course in the gym, walking down the main corridor and then running up the outside of the school back to the gym to start the whole circuit again. The children collected spot stickers for every circuit they achieved and collected house points for their house at the same time. We collected a massive £245.27 through non-school uniform day and the raffle for the Pudsey bears. A big thank you to all who donated.



Learn Alongside Week

As always, it was lovely to see so many parents coming in to join lessons. It is a lovely way for parents to see how teaching and learning happens in the classroom and for the children to show off to parents. Next term the focus will be English.

Books

We were lucky enough to have books donated by a local charity, the Ihezic Foundation, which donate text books to African countries. They receive many fiction books, which they then offer to local schools. I, of course, grabbed the opportunity and 1,000 books were delivered earlier in November.

We also had our Book Fayre, another way for the school to raise funds, and due to your generosity buying books we raised £496.31. This will be spent on books for library, and class books.

Choir

It is lovely to see how many children have chosen to be part of the choir and they have been particularly busy this half term. They (and their parents) gave up their time during half term to sing at the opening of the new ASDA store on Newton Leys. They have sung Harvest songs to the old folk in the new care home, and then again at the Harvest assembly. They have sung the Christmas songs and carols to the old folk once again, joined the local gospel choir for a carol concert at the school and then they sang again at the city centre. It won't be long before we are hiring them out!

Early Years Christmas Craft afternoon

What a shock we all had with the number of parents that joined us for the Early Years Christmas Craft afternoon. The mess at the end of the afternoon was an indication of how much fun was had. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Savannah's daddy (nursery) for donating the mince pies.

Christmas Productions/ Weather Conditions

What a shame the Christmas Nativities were cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions. It is always a difficult decision whether to keep a school open or close it, particularly when some parents are reliant on the school opening due to work commitments. The most important consideration however, is the safety of the children, families and staff coming in and going home from the school. The Christmas Nativities will now take place on Wednesday January 3rd at 6pm and Thursday 4th at 2.30pm. Please keep your existing tickets, as they will transfer to the new dates for the same time as originally requested. For those children that needed specific clothing from home, please bring this in on Wednesday 3rd January.

Christmas Festivities

We have our Christmas lunch to look forward to, a visit from Father Christmas for our younger children and an afternoon disco for our older ones.

After School Clubs

Can I remind everyone that there are no Enrichment clubs for the rest of this week. Clubs will now commence on Monday 8th January 2018 due to the Christmas Productions taking place the first week back.

PE Bags

Please ensure your child only brings in a small, drawstring bag with their PE kit in. We do not have the space to store backpacks and these will be sent home.

Mrs M

We all wish Mrs M good luck with the exciting event she has to look forward to after the Christmas excitement has died down! That poor baby is probably desperate for Mrs M to slow down so that he/she can get some sleep! I know we will be seeing her frequently after Baby M has arrived!

Finally, we will be finishing the term with a carol concert on Friday 15th December at 2pm. Please come along and enjoy the singing with the children. You will be able to take your child home after the concert.

Can I remind everyone that the children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018!

I want to thank you for your support over the last term, the school staff for all their hard work and the children for always brightening up our days!

I wish you all a very, happy Christmas and peaceful New Year!

Warm regards,

Pippa Villa

Dates for Diaries

December 15th Carol Concert 2pm

Christmas Holidays December 18th – January 2nd 2018 incl Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)

January 3rd 2018 Start of spring term 2017-2018 children return
Christmas Nativity 6pm

January 4th 2018 Christmas Nativity 2.30pm

Spring Term Half Term February 12th – 16th incl Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)

February 19th Children return

Easter Holiday March 26th – April 6th incl Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)

April 9th 2017 Start of summer term 2017-2018 children return

Summer Term Half Term May 28th – June 4th incl Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)

June 5th Children return

July 23rd Start of summer holidays Holiday Club (Dependent on uptake)