

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 6. I cannot quite believe that we are now approaching December and hurtling towards Christmas at an alarming speed. The school gets taken over with the sound of the upcoming performances and the building literally sparkles as we use our own fair share of glitter to prepare for this wonderful celebration. As Headteacher, Christmas is literally one of my favourite times within the school calendar and this year is certainly no exception. We have so many exciting activities planned and as the children close their topic themes later this term, I cannot wait to see the children enjoying themselves, having fun whilst still continuing their learning journey. The children have excelled this term. There is an undoubtable calmness around school and the children are so incredibly focused working hard on their targets and next steps! Keep up the hard work, children! I very much look forward to seeing you over the course of the next two weeks. Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

### Children in Need



We are delighted to announce that the total raised for Children in Need was a mammoth £354.32-thank you for all of your fundraising for this incredibly worthwhile charity.

### Non-Uniform Day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December-Tombola



In preparation for our Christmas Fayre, we are inviting the children to wear non uniform on the date above in exchange for an item in our Tombola. There are no limits to the items we ask for and are always so impressed by the different things given to us. Thank you in advance.

### Goodbye Mrs Dickinson

We have recently been informed by Mrs Dickinson, Teaching Assistant and HLTA that she will not be returning to her post following her Maternity Leave. This very difficult decision has been made easier for her due to the fact that she is moving to New Zealand as her husband has been posted there as part of his duties in the Royal Air Forces. Please join us in wishing her all the very best and thanking her for hard work and dedication to ensuring the best for our children.

### Starting School in September 2019?



If your child, or someone you know is due to start school next September, please be aware that the application round is now open and closes on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. Should your child have a sibling in school, make sure that this criteria is outlined in the application as this will strengthen the application and secure a place at the school. If someone you know is interested in sending their child to our school we would love to hear from them and will be happy to show them around. This year we have had a record number of enquiries again for places and look forward to welcoming the newest intake of children into school ready for the next academic year.

**Don't forget that we will be holding another Open Afternoon for prospective parents on Thursday 2<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm. Please encourage anyone who is interested in finding out more about our school to drop in to these sessions.**

### Always Club

This week, we have established our Always Club where children who consistently follow our Golden Rules and always make good choices are rewarded by having the opportunity to have a hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Eden. Today, the first set of children had a lovely time in the curriculum kitchen and went back to class to impress upon the children the importance of making sure that they always make the best choices.

### Christmas Fayre-Friday 14th December

2.30pm collection and fayre after choir have sung



Get in the Christmas spirit and purchase some of your gifts at our annual Christmas Fayre. Each class will be running their own stall plus we've invited local businesses too. We have crafts, gifts, decorations and so much more. You can join in the raffles, tombola, or play some games and indulge in some Christmas refreshments (mince pies)!

Children can be collected from 2.30pm onwards from their classrooms and then at 2.40pm, any remaining children will be in Class Ireland (Reception). When collected, children will need to be signed out by an authorised adult who will then take full responsibility for them for the remaining time in school. Any child not collected before 3.30pm will either be helping on stalls or be supervised undertaking Christmas activities in class. **ALL children must be collected by 3.30pm.**

We are sure to have a wonderful Christmas Fayre and hope that you are able to join us and begin the festive celebrations.

### New Parent Governor-Nick Cave

We are delighted to inform you that Mr Nick Cave, parent of children in Year 1, has become our new Parent Governor following the recent vacancy that was advertised to the wider parent body. Mr Cave joins a highly ambitious and dedicated group of governors who strive for the best for our school. Please join us in welcoming Mr Cave to our Governing Body.

### Shoebox Appeal-Thank You!



We were delighted to send a record amount of shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child. Our shoeboxes were sent from Ancaster and we cannot thank everyone who took part enough. We spent some time in Collective Worship watching the reactions of children who have received them in the past and it certainly helped us all realise how fortunate we all are.

### Mini Police

Our newly recruited Mini Police group have been busy working with our PCSO on a variety of different projects, including a fantastic presentation on Anti-Bullying. They will become more visible and undertake activities in the community including checking on parking around the school site.

### New Reading Books



We have just invested in over £4000 on new books to help children with their reading development. We are currently trialling new reading books for Reception and Key Stage 1 with more of these books arriving soon, thanks to a significant investment from PTFA. We have also, for the first time in a long time, increased our book banded books with books suitable for beyond Year 2. Children in Key Stage 2 have access to over 400 new texts which they will begin bringing home from this point. We hope that the children enjoy these new books!

### Dates for Christmas Festivities



We have been busy sorting out the arrangements for our Christmas Festivities and whilst we are only in early November, we wanted to give you advance notice of these dates so you can make any arrangements in advance.

**12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm-** KS1 Christmas Performance (more details to follow)

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**14<sup>th</sup> December PM-**Christmas Fayre (2.30pm)

**17<sup>th</sup> December PM-**KS2 Christmas Service in Church at 2pm

**18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am-**EYFS Christmas Spectacular to parents at 2pm

**18<sup>th</sup> December-**Christmas Lunch (available to book via Good Looking Cooking)

**18<sup>th</sup> December-** Class Christmas Parties (PM)- children can bring a change of clothes

**19<sup>th</sup> December -**Pantomime Trip to Grantham Guildhall (Whole School)-letter sent out this week.

**20<sup>th</sup> December-**Last Day of Term-school closes at the usual time.