



Newsletter 6

29th November 2019



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 prepare for this wonderful celebration. Christmas is 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 them enjoying themselves and having fun whilst still continuing their learning journey. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I very much look forward to seeing you over the course of the next 2 weeks.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*



Please be reminded that we've been chosen as one of the Co-op Local Causes for the next 12 months! Use your Co-op membership card every time you shop and this helps us to raise funds for our new classroom as the Co-op kindly donate 1% of what you spend on their products to local causes.

However, in order for us to receive the most benefit you must select us as your chosen cause. Please visit the Co-op website, login, click on our profile and select us as your chosen cause. Please share and encourage family and friends to do the same, the more people supporting us the more funds we receive. Thank you in advance!

If you're not yet a co-op member you can also sign up on line to receive a co-op membership card.

Fundraising



We raised a fantastic £220 for Children in Need recently. This contribution, added towards the total raised on the official fundraising evening, will mean that those children who need it have access to resources and support to help them.



We also raised a wonderful £117 to give to the Poppy Appeal. The Local Honorary Organiser has said that the amount raised by the school was an excellent total and has let us know that the the District raised an impressive £1815.53. This help ensures that the British Legion are able to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

Thank you for your support and kindness in supporting these worthwhile and fantastic charities.

Supervising Children in the Car Park

This week, there was a near miss involving a child who ran out behind a van in the car park before school. It is vitally important that parents supervise their own children whilst they wait for the gates to be opened. We try to reduce the amount of activity in the car park at our busiest times but we must always remember it is always a car park so children should not be in this area at any time. We find that parents allow children to access the pond area and the site at the back of the car park and this is where the issues potentially lie as the children are left unsupervised. Please can we ask that parents try not to arrive at school prior to 8.45am (when the gates open) and where parents and children do arrive before this time, children are asked to wait patiently under constant supervision from the adults dropping off/collecting.

Informing the School Office of changes to picking up arrangements



We recognise that changes can occur with respect to collection arrangements at the end of the school day. However, we have recently noticed, once again, that the number of calls the school receives in a day asking us to inform children of changes has increased dramatically.

To reduce the additional burden this administration is placing on the school; please can we ask that, where possible, arrangements are made prior to the school day starting and **changes are only communicated via the school office as a last resort.** Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Starting School in September 2020?



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 15th 2020. Should your child have a sibling in school, make sure that this is outlined within 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.

Christmas Fayre-Friday 13th December

2.15pm 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 2.15pm onwards from their classrooms and then at 2.30pm, any remaining children will be in Class Scotland (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.

Flu Vaccine-additional session

The nurses who administered the Flu Vaccine recently were very impressed with our children's wonderful attitude and to the number of pupils who received the vaccine. Anyone who missed the paperwork for this vaccine can sign up to an additional session where the nurses will return on the 9th December. More information about this has been sent to parents.

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.

12th December at AM –Travelling Panto performance in school

12th December at 1.45pm-EYFS Christmas Spectacular to parents

13th December AM- KS2 Christmas Carols in church 10am

13th December PM-Christmas Fayre 2.15pm

16th December-KS1 Christmas Play 1.45pm

17th December- KS1 Christmas Play 1.45pm

18th December-Christmas Dinner Day (available to book via Good Looking Cooking)

18th December-Class Christmas Parties (PM)-See below

19th December-Last Day of Term-school closes at the usual time

More details regarding each of these events will be given nearer the time.

Non-Uniform Day-Next Friday



In preparation for our Christmas Fayre, we are inviting the children to wear non uniform on 6th Dec in exchange for an item for our Christmas Fayre. There are no limits to the items we ask for and are always so impressed by the different things given to us. We will be holding a raffle (alcohol/wine gratefully received) as well as a tombola so any unwanted gift items would be fantastic.

Thank you in advance.

Class Parties

Class Christmas Parties will take place on 18th December and the children can bring their party clothes in a separate bag to change into at the end of lunch ready for the afternoon fun. We are also asking for any donations of party food to be sent in on this day too to your child's Class Teacher. This can be traditional party food or healthier alternatives as we do like to encourage children to consider a balanced diet even amidst the Christmas treats available at this time.

Pantomime-Cinderella

We are looking forward to inviting a Travelling Pantomime into school on 12th December to perform the fantastic show, Cinderella. In previous years we have visited Grantham Guildhall but with an increase in pupil numbers and staffing ratios, we are now unable to visit as a whole school, so will now enjoy this Christmas treat in school. PTFA are heavily subsidising the cost of this and we will be sending more information about this next week.