



# Newsletter

Newsletter Autumn 3 2013: 22nd November 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

## After School Clubs

**There will be no after school clubs in the last week of term, the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

## INSET day

**Please note that Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January will be a staff training day so school will be closed to pupils. Children return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Diwali Dancers

This term our Diwali dancers have performed at two local schools, showcasing their wonderful dances from our Diwali play this year. Children and staff from St Bartholomew's Primary School and Queen Victoria Primary School thoroughly enjoyed their performances. Well done dancers!



## Book Fair

Our book fair will be in school from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 3.15pm – 4pm each day. This is a great opportunity to get ahead and buy some Christmas presents as there are always plenty of bargains!

## School Communications

We are now using a new company to send text messages and e-mail to parents and carers. If you have not received any text messages over the last couple of weeks, please check that the school office has the correct contact details for you.

Many of our communications to parents and families is now through this system so to keep up to date, please let us know if you change your mobile telephone number or e-mail address.

## Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play

Reception and Key Stage 1 will be performing their Christmas Play "Hey Ewe!" on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Both performances will start at 2pm. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, priced at £1 each.

## Winter Wonderland

Year 6 pupils have been busy creating pom pom snowballs that will be included as part of a knitted Winter Wonderland display in one of the vacant retail units in the Mander Centre in December. We look forward to seeing the display of knitted items throughout the festive season.



## Fundraising

We have now had lots of entries for our "Picture quiz" competition. If you would still like to enter, the closing date is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Entry costs £2, all the correct entries will be entered into a draw to win a digital camera!

## Attendance

Attendance figures for the Autumn term so far are:

**Whole school: 96%**

Reception: 94%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 96%

The class with the best attendance for the whole term will win a bowling alley trip with a meal included!

## Children in Need

We raised a fantastic £316 for Children in Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to everyone that paid £1 to wear their pyjamas and onesies to raise money for this great cause.



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## Shoebbox appeal



We were very pleased and proud to send 32 shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal this year. Thanks to everyone who donated items, we know that these small gifts help to make Christmas special for lots of disadvantaged children across the world.

## Christingle Celebrations

Our school choir will be performing at St Chad's Christingle service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. Members of the public are welcome to come along to this festive, community celebration.

## School Christingle Service

Can I take this opportunity to invite you to our annual Christingle service at St Chad's church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 10am. Parents, carers and families are very welcome to come and share in this celebration with our Year 1-6 children.

## Charity Choc Shop

We held our Charity Choc Shop on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November to raise money to help families in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan. Through donations of sweets and chocolate, we were able to raise a fantastic £350 Thanks to everyone that contributed towards this, we have been really impressed and pleased by the generosity of many of our families and children.



## E-Safety week

E-Safety remains a top priority for us as a school after the success of e-safety week this term. If you have any questions or concerns about protecting your children online, please feel free to come and talk to us at school as we can offer support and advice.

## Term Dates

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday**

**28<sup>th</sup> November:** Book Fair in school

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Tickets for Reception and Key stage 1 Christmas Play on sale from today

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception visit to Kingswood

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Nursery visit to Kingswood

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Choir performing at Christingle service at St Chad's church

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm:** Key Stage 1 Christmas Play performance for parents and carers

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm:** Key Stage 1 Christmas Play performance for parents and carers

**Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** No after school clubs this week.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** year 1-6 visit to the Cinema

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10am:** Christingle Service at St Chad's church

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Disco

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Break up for Christmas holidays

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January: INSET DAY – school closed to pupils.**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January:** Children return to school

**Week Beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** After school clubs for Spring term will commence this week.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** Year 3 and 4 "Chance for Sport" activities

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 9.15am:** Year 5 class assembly.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-5pm:** Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 Parent Consultations

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-5pm:** Key Stage 2 Parent Consultations

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 6-8pm:** Whole school Parent Consultations.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** Children break up for half term 3.15pm

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Half term

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** Children return to school