

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very big thank you to all the Friends of Tickford Park, the staff and the volunteer helpers who made the Christmas Fair a roaring success. The fair and raffle together have raised an amazing £2303.64. A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes, tombola prizes, raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets and to the external stall holders. Remember that all the funds raised are going towards the refurbishment of the library and the purchase of new books.

What a super week it has been with trips to the theatre, the stables, choir performances and the foundation stage Christmas production. All the staff have said what a pleasure it has been taking the children as they have behaved beautifully and loved getting out and about. There is a buzz of excitement around the school as the children looked forward to Christmas which is infectious!



### **Parent Governor Election Result**

Thank you to everyone who voted. The votes have now been counted and we are pleased to welcome Stuart McDonald to our Governing Body.

### **School Choir**

Our school choirs have been extremely busy these last few weeks. Your children are a credit to our school and I wanted to share this lovely message we received. Well done to staff and pupils.

*"I just wanted to drop you an email to commend your fantastic choir who attended the Willen Hospice "Lights of Love" afternoon.*

*The children performed brilliantly and sat through the entire service maturely and were a credit to your school.*

*I am a primary school teacher myself (in Bedford) and it was particularly pleasing for a little girl in year 3 to approach me after I had spoken on stage and say "Your name is Georgia, my name is Georgia too!" – and we had a lovely chat about how she enjoyed her school and singing, and I enjoyed telling her about my school too!.*

*Please pass on my "well done" to the children involved and also the staff.*

*Many thanks  
Georgia Richardson"*

### **St Peters and St Pauls Church**

Year 6 children will be walking to St Peters and St Pauls church on Monday 16th December at 10.45am to practice for the church service on Thursday 19th December. Please ensure your child has a coat. We will return to school by lunchtime, so lunch is as normal.

### **Travel Survey**

Year 6 will be conducting a travel survey on Wednesday 18th December, we will be walking to the M1 bridge so that we can collect data. Your child must have a coat and they will need gloves. We will return to school by lunchtime, so lunches will be as normal.

### **Chocolate making**

To round off our topic we will be making our own chocolate bars. The children will be designing their own chocolate bars this week, they will bring home a list of ingredients, which they will need to bring in on Thursday 19th December.

### **Year 6 fabulous finish.**

We would like to invite parents to our fabulous finish, which will take place on the afternoon of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 2.40pm. The children will be able to share their work and you will have the opportunity to taste the children's creations.

### **Driving onto School Premises**

May we respectfully remind you that parents are NOT allowed to drive onto school premises to drop off in the mornings or park and collect in the afternoons. It causes tremendous problems in the small busy staff car park for the school buses to enter and exit. The only time it is permissible for parents to drive onto school premises, is if we ring you during the course of the school day to collect your child due to illness or if you are collecting your child for an appointment. We appreciate that the above does not apply to any of our parents who have a blue badge.

## Staff News

Sadly we will be saying a fond farewell to Jeff Sewell next Friday who has taken up position of music teacher at a school in Milton Keynes. With his passion for music, we know he will excel in his new role but we will miss his guitar playing! We are really pleased to let you know that Mrs Louise Quinn will be joining Dave Matthews in year 5. She is an experienced upper key stage 2 teacher who is very excited about joining the year 5 team. She is currently teaching in Quartz class so is at the school already and she will stay with us until the end of the academic year. Louise will be joining Moonstone on Wednesday afternoon to get to know the children where I am sure they will give her a warm welcome.

We are also looking forward to welcoming a new Teaching Assistant to our staff after Christmas, Mrs Samantha Jones. She will be joining the Year 1 team.

## Headteacher News

The advert for the role of Headteacher is now published with interviews due to take place the latter part of January.

## Congratulations

A big congratulations to Ralph C who on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December completed his 50<sup>th</sup> junior park run! He has achieved his Ultra Marathon band which means that he has run an incredible 100km and got a personal best of 9 minutes 58 seconds. Well done Ralph.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Claire*

Miss Claire Britnell  
Executive Headteacher



**Dates for your calendar (these dates may be subject to change and additions – any changes are typed in bold)**

Date	Year Group	Visit/Event
16.12.196		Walking to St Peters and St Pauls Church
16.12.19KS1		KS1 dress rehearsal to perform for the whole school
17.12.19	Foundation Stage	Beauty and Beast Panto (am)
17.12.19KS1		KS1 Christmas performance at 9:30am (Parents Welcome)
18.12.196		Travel Survey
18.12.19KS1		KS1 Christmas performance at 1:30pm (Parents Welcome)
19.12.196		Chocolate making (am)
19.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Carol Concert at Church (pm)
20.12.196		Fabulous finish (2.40pm)
20.12.19	Whole School	Christmas jumper day
20.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Parties (pm)
20.12.19	Whole School	School closes at end of session
06.01.20	Whole School	School opens
07.01.20		Prospective Headteacher visits
10.01.20		Prospective Headteacher visits
14.01.19	Whole School	School Nurse visiting school (appointments only)
15.01.19	Sept 2020 starters	Applications for children starting school for the first in September 2020 need to be completed online
17.01.20	Whole School	Aspirations Morning
10.02.204	(group 1)	Residential group 1 leaves for Everdon
12.02.204	(group 1)	Residential group 1 returns from Everdon
12.02.204	(group 2)	Residential group 2 leaves for Everdon
14.02.204	(group 2)	Residential group 2 returns from Everdon
14.02.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
24.02.20	Whole School	School opens
03.04.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.04.20	Whole School	School opens
08.05.20	Whole School	May Bank Holiday
22.05.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
01.06.20	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school
02.06.20	Whole School	School opens
22.06.205		Residential visit to Oakwood leaves
26.06.205		Residential visit returns from Oakwood
14.07.206		Residential visit to Caldecotte leaves
17.07.206		Residential visit returns from Caldecotte
17.07.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.07.19	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school