

Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school was awash with spots, stripes and a rainbow of colours when everyone joined in with the BBC Children in Need Appeal, we raised a total of £341.06 which is fantastic. A big well done to Sophie H in year four who raised £28.09 for this worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone.

Year 3/4 Basketball

A huge well done to the year 3/4 basketball team who competed in the festival at Ousedale on Thursday. The children played short matches against other schools and showed great sportsmanship and determination. We are very proud of them.

PE Kit for Outside PE

A gentle reminder to all parents that every child must have a change of PE kit suitable for doing outside PE in cold weather in school. Thank you.

Staff News

We are all sending Kim Nash, one of our Quartz Teachers, our best wishes as she begins her maternity leave on Thursday 28th November. We have all enjoyed working with her and thank her for all her hard work and commitment. We wish Kim and her family all the very best as they await their new addition to their family. We are very lucky that Louise Quinn will be working in Kim's place until Christmas – she comes to us with a wealth of experience and will be a great addition to the team.

Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day

Year 4 had a fantastic Ancient Egyptian day on Monday led by 'Portals To The Past'. The children took part in a variety of different Ancient Egyptian based activities - they learnt about hieroglyphics, measured in cubits, played Egyptian board games, learnt about hunting on the Nile and even took part in a Pharaoh parade! The children looked fabulous in their Egyptian outfits.

Year 3 and Year 4 Music assemblies

Year 3 and Year 4 children have been working incredibly hard in their music lessons each week, with their specialist music teacher. The children would like to showcase their music learning from this term, in a Music Assembly, to their parents, carers and family members.

Year 3: Tuesday 3rd December at 9:45am.

Year 4: Thursday 5th December at 9:45am.

We hope you are able to join us and enjoy watching the children share and perform their music learning.

Absence Letters

As you know, we regularly monitor children's attendance at school. Any absence figure of below 90% is deemed as Persistent Absence which means your child is losing the equivalent of half day per week in education. We have looked at attendance figures for last half term and for any child whose attendance was below 90%, parents will be receiving a letter to inform them. Remember, pupils who miss between 10 and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school. If there is any way we can support you in ensuring good attendance, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Scholastic Book Club

An ideal way to buy books for Christmas presents from the comfort of your own home, why not visit www.scholastic.co.uk/0-6 and help raise funds for our school.

Friends of Tickford Park Invite Father Christmas to Visit

The big red man himself will be visiting us on Friday 6th December at our Christmas Fair between 3 – 5pm. If you would like your child and their siblings to visit then please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and enclose the correct money of £2.50. The form must be returned before 9am on Friday 29th November. No monies will be accepted after this time.

The Sun 'Books for Schools'

The Sun newspaper will be printing 'Books for Schools' tokens from Saturday November 23rd to Saturday January 18th. If any readers of The Sun could collect these and send them into school, it would be much appreciated. Every school who collects 3,500 tokens can claim a free pack of books worth f 600!

Have a lovely weekend.

Claire

Miss Claire Britnell
Executive Headteacher

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Visit from Santa – £2.50 per child

Name of child: Class:

Siblings:

- I would like.....(state number of children) to visit Santa.
 I enclose £..... (correct money please)

Please state if your child has any allergies. Thank you.

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)

Dates for your calendar (these dates may be subject to change and additions)

| Date | Year Group | Visit/Event |
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| 29.11.19 | Whole School | Non Uniform – bottles to be donated for school fayre |
| 30.11.19 | KS1 and KS2 Choir | Choir singing at the church - 3:30 – 4:30pm Lights switched on at 5pm |
| 02.12.19 | Whole School | Christmas Post Box arrives |
| 02.12.19 | 2 | Living History Visitor in school |
| 06.12.19 | Whole School | Christmas Fayre |
| 09.12.19 | Whole School | Foundation Stage dress rehearsal to perform for the whole school |
| 10.12.19 | Foundation Stage | Foundation Stage Christmas performance at 10am (Parents Welcome) |
| 10.12.19 | KS2 | Visit to the pantomime at 12pm |
| 11.12.19 | Whole School | Christmas Lunch (order by Thursday 5 th December) |
| 11.12.19 | Choir | Singing at Kings Arms pub |
| 13.12.19 | Foundation Stage | Foundation Stage Christmas performance at 1:30pm (Parents Welcome) |
| 16.12.19 | KS1 | KS1 dress rehearsal to perform for the whole school |
| 17.12.19 | KS1 | KS1 Christmas performance at 9:30am (Parents Welcome) |
| 17.12.19 | 6 | Bowling (2pm – 4pm to be collected from Hollywood Bowl) |
| 18.12.19 | KS1 | KS1 Christmas performance at 1:30pm (Parents Welcome) |
| 19.12.19 | Whole School | Christmas Carol Concert at Church (am) |
| 19.12.19 | Whole School | Christmas Parties (pm) |
| 20.12.19 | Whole School | Christmas jumper day |
| 20.12.19 | Whole School | School closes at end of session |
| 06.01.20 | Whole School | School opens |
| 15.01.19 | Sept 2020 starters | Applications for children starting school for the first in September 2020 need to be completed online |
| 10.02.20 | 4 (group 1) | Residential group 1 leaves for Everdon |
| 12.02.20 | 4 (group 1) | Residential group 1 returns from Everdon |
| 12.02.20 | 4 (group 2) | Residential group 2 leaves for Everdon |
| 14.02.20 | 4 (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 |
| 22.06.20 | 5 | Residential visit to Oakwood leaves |
| 26.06.20 | 5 | Residential visit returns from Oakwood |
| 13.07.20 | 6 | Residential visit to Caldecotte leaves |
| 17.07.20 | 6 | Residential visit returns from Caldecotte |
| 17.07.20 | Whole School | School closes at end of session |
| 20.07.20 | Whole School | INSET Day – staff only in school |