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## Autumn Term 2015 - Newsletter - Number 6

Dear families and children,

### **PTA Events**

Our firework display was such an enjoyable event, despite the storm that decided to blow in that night! In some ways the weather oddly added to the fun of the evening. Huge thanks for your support - it was good to all get together.

The Fashion show tickets are now on sale. The event takes place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The fashion show sells clothes from the high street at hugely discounted prices - ideal for Christmas presents. Tickets cost £4 (including a drink) from the school office and at the gate in the mornings - please pay with the correct amount of money through the school office.

Details of the children's Film Night event are released today! This takes place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It is always a magical night. Film night is £2.50 for each child, your child/ren can stay in school and be treated to a drink, a hot dog with chips, some delicious ice-cream and receive a glow stick. Whilst they are eating and drinking they will be treated to a free movie showing of either: Jingle All The Way (PG - 89 mins), The Grinch (PG - 104 mins), Get Santa (U - 102 mins) or Santa Paws (U - 92 mins). Please note that both Jingle All The Way and The Grinch are rated PG. You may want to check the content of these movies before allowing your child/ren to watch them in school. These details are on the flyer on the website and so is the form to complete and return with your cash payment.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

The Operation Christmas child boxes are being collected on 26<sup>th</sup> November - next week! A reminder of items you can donate are:

School staff - hat / scarf / gloves  
Year 6 - colouring pencils/packet of crayons / small toy  
Year 5 - small packets of wrapped sweets / small notebooks  
Year 4 - toothbrush / soap  
Year 3 - toothpaste/ comb  
Year 2 - wash sponge / small cuddly toy  
Year 1 - small cuddly toy/packet of felt tip pens  
Reception - Hairbrush / small toy  
Nursery - chocolate bar/ comb

Plus any empty shoe boxes you can spare! Also Christmas wrapping paper is needed. Many thanks.

### **Christmas performances**

A final Christmas item! The Christmas performances dates are on the website calendar. They are:

Reception and Key Stage 1 - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am and 5.00pm

Key Stage 2 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am and 5.30pm



Each family will receive 2 tickets for each performance that any one of their children is in. These will be sent home. The tickets will have a seat number on them to ensure that we can fill the audience to capacity. Tickets can't be transferred to other families, so please return any unwanted tickets to the school office. These tickets will then be reallocated if families have requested more tickets. As most of you know, I will be on the door collecting tickets so please don't swap and change...I will know!!

Please note that the 5.00pm and 5.30pm performances tickets are for adults and school aged children in the audience only. So this means no pre aged children or babies at those performances.

### ***Dates for your diary***

Looking ahead to next year, I want to give you plenty of notice of some very important events.

On 13<sup>th</sup> January we are holding sessions to explain to families what the New National curriculum looks like and how this is being delivered in school. We will hold the meeting 3 times, at 9.00am, 3.00pm and 5.30pm. We anticipate that the meeting will last for no more than 30 minutes. I will send out a reminder nearer the time

During the meeting we will be able to give you more information about your child's day to day assessments. We have been using a new assessment system for a few months now and we finally understand it and how it transfers the old curriculum assessments into new curriculum assessments.

Our spring term parents evenings will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. During the parents evenings we will show you how your child's spring term report will look and explain what it all means in terms of the new curriculum. You will be given a login letter and from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, you will be able to log on to see your child's assessments and will hopefully understand them after your parents evening appointment. After this you will be able to log on each term to see your child's assessments. We hope that this will be not only a better system but give you much more regular and up to date assessment information.

Of course, please remember than you can ask your child's teacher at any time for assessment information - you don't have to wait!

*and finally,*

The awful events in Paris have been deeply felt by so many around the world. On Monday the children and staff observed 1 minutes silence at 11.00am in respect for those who had died, in line with the rest of Europe. These events are of great concern to adults, so for children they must be particularly troubling. The children in school were a total credit to their families during the 1 minutes silence. Without exception from Nursery to year6, everyone was silent, with many children choosing to bow their heads. The children have expressed great sadness and worry about this event. We will all support them as best we can, but most of all we will continue to guide them to be kind, caring and thoughtful citizens of the future.

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher