



Tuesday 7th November 2023

Newsletter Number 5 Autumn Term 2023

Dear families,

Retirement news

Thank you for your very kind words and emails following the announcement of my retirement. I am going to cherish every lovely moment in the coming weeks and then crumble at the end no doubt!

PTA Fireworks

As you know, we were beaten by the awful storm last week and our Fireworks event was postponed. We have managed to reschedule for Wednesday 20th December. This is the evening of the Christmas Festival in school so the fireworks will be the finale to that lovely night. We haven't had Christmas fireworks before so we hope this will be a very special moment for us all and one to remember for many years to come.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to the 20th December - put it in your diary!

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday 21st November at 6.30pm. The meeting is a virtual meeting and the link to join the meeting is below. The meeting will be very important as we will be finalising our Christmas plans so please join us!

PTA meeting Tuesday 21st Nov 6.30pm

Tuesday, November 21 · 6:30 – 7:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/kfv-seym-ugp>

Or dial: (US) +1 317-624-2042 PIN: 849 823 936#

Shoe Box appeal reminder

A reminder that the last date for sending in your donations for the Shoe Box appeal is Tuesday 14th November.

Thanks for your generosity with this appeal so far.

Nursery and Reception – toothpaste and toothbrushes

Year 1 – soap

Year 2 – combs and hair brushes

Year 3 – gloves and hats

Year 4 – small pack of sweets

Year 5 – pens, pencil and notepads

Year 6 – chocolate bars

Wet playtimes

Thank you for the many donations of wet playtime games and activities – this is very much appreciated by the children.

School closes on Friday 22nd December 2023

The last day of the term is Friday 22nd December. School will close at 1.30pm on that day and there is no after school club. This is detailed in the diary dates at the end of this newsletter.

Parent Survey by My School Well Being

Hopefully you will have had an email from My School Wellbeing. This is a genuine email and it is a very simple survey to get your views. Your opinion is crucial in school – if we don't know how things are going we can't make them better or make sure they stay as they are! So please do spend a few moments and respond. Many thanks.

Carbon Monoxide alarms

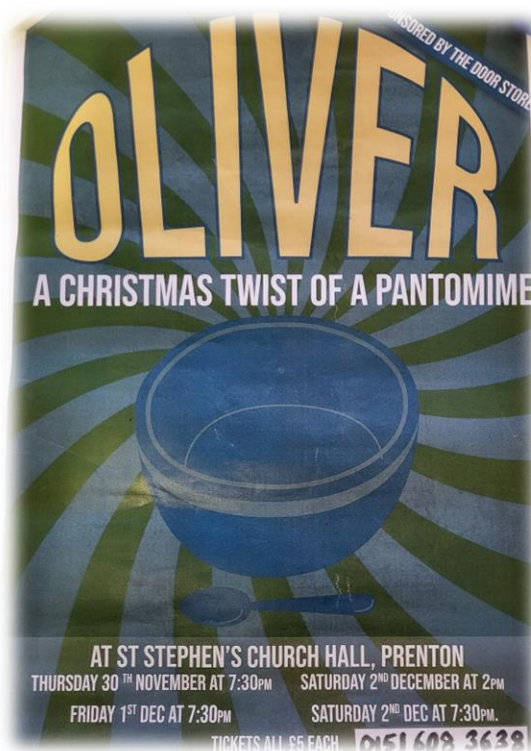
Some time ago the school was given 15 digital LCD carbon monoxide alarms. We don't need this many and they are sitting gathering dust. They retail for about £15 to £20. If you need one they are available on a first come first served basis – just bring in a donation to school of no less than £5.



Performances!

The children really enjoyed the performance yesterday – Beauty and the Beast. It was very professional and a wonderful start to the week. We were so lucky to be offered it free of charge! Pictures have been put on Seesaw.

One of our wonderful year 6 pupils is also in Panto this year. The details are below and the tickets are very reasonably priced!



Special visitor next week and Children in Need day

Next week it is Children In Need day on Friday. We are closed for an INSET day so can't celebrate then. Instead we are joining with Stanley School to celebrate Children In Need day on Wednesday 15th November. We ask the children to bring in a £1 donation and to come to school looking 'SPOTACULAR'!!!! We will be seeing spots everywhere I'm sure!! Alternatively (or as well as) they can wear their comfy clothes such as pyjamas! The children can bring their slippers too and we will all have hot chocolate and marshmallows just before home time! During the day we are hoping to welcome a very special visitor to the school – someone very cuddly and who knows a lot about Children In Need!

Recycling Batteries

We are recycling batteries! Asda are running a competitions alongside this recycling and there will be some prizes for those children who bring in the most batteries. So start saving your batteries and we will let you know when you can send them in!

Makers markets – Celestial Events

A reminder of the local events run by Celestial Events in the area. They have the local farmers markets (Greasy is the nearest one – see newsletter number 3 for details). They also have some seasonal craft fairs coming up that you may be interested in.



The poster features a central title 'Celestial Events Craft Fairs at Heswall Hall 2023' with a decorative background of a crescent moon, stars, and lanterns. Below the title is a list of dates and event names. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, Email, Phone, and WhatsApp, along with contact information and a QR code.

Celestial Events
Craft Fairs
at Heswall Hall
2023
3rd Saturday of the month
(expt. July) 10-2pm

Sat 15th April - Pink Moon Fair
Sat 20th May - Eco Fair
Sat 17th June - Summer Fair
Sat 19th Aug - Blue Moon Fair
Sat 16th Sep - Harvest Moon Fair
Sat 21st Oct - Halloween Fair
Sat 18th Nov - Craft and Gift Fair
Sat 16th Dec - Christmas Fair

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CAMHS workshop – Friday 10th November

The CAMHS workshop that was due to be held on Friday 10th November has been postponed. The new date will be sent to you as soon as we are informed of it.

Individual photographs

On Thursday 23rd November, the photographer will be here to take individual photographs. At 8.00am to 8.45am parents of pre-school children can come into the school hall to get photograph taken with their sibling. Children who are already in our nursery class on this day will automatically have their photo taken with any siblings in school.

Santa dash

Our Santa Dash is on Wednesday 22nd November. We are raising money for the school – a good cause! Every child will get a Santa hat to wear on the ‘Dash’ and the course is around the school site. The children can come to school that day dressed in Red or Blue (apparently there are ‘blue’ Santas!!). Sponsor forms will be sent home this week with every child. We would really like to film the Santa Dash from a drone – does anyone have any contacts that could do this? Please let us know if you do. This will be a fabulous event for the children – lots of fun!

Christmas jumper day

This year we are doing ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ slightly differently. Every Friday in December, starting on Friday 1st December, your child can come to school in non uniform wearing a Christmas jumper/top. They can bring in a donation each time of your choice. The funds raised will go to cancer research in memory of Mr Klausen, who was the biggest lover of Christmas and would wear his Christmas jumper every day in December. We miss him so much.

If you have any old Christmas jumpers that don’t fit your children you can send them into school and we will put them on the pre loved display in the main entrance so that other families can benefit from them – thank you.

PTA Film Night

Film night is on Wednesday 29th November straight after school – gives you some time for Christmas shopping! The cost is £4.50 per child and includes hot dogs and chips, a drink and sweets. You can pay on Parent Mail and we will email to let you know when you can do so. The very last date for paying is on Friday 24th November at 10.00am. After this time the order for the hot dogs will have been placed so we will not be able to add to it. Please make sure you book before this date to avoid disappointing your child.

Christmas performances

The Christmas performances are on Tuesday 12th December. They will be at 9.30am, 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Families can request 2 tickets for each performance. We will email you to let you know how and when you can request your tickets nearer the time,

And finally,

The ‘dates for the term’ on the next page have been updated with all the information from this newsletter for your convenience,



Mrs K Brown, Headteacher

Dates for the term

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
Tuesday 14 th November	All day	Last day to send in donations for the shoe box appeal	
Wednesday 15 th November	All Day	Children in Need – bring £1 and be 'SPOTACULAR'	
Friday 17 th November	All day	INSET Day – school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 22 nd November	pm	Whole school Santa Dash	
Thursday 23 rd November	All morning	Individual and family school photographs	8.00am to 8.45 preschool children with their siblings
Wednesday 29 th November	3.30 to 5.45pm	PTA film night	£4.50 per child 3.30 till 5.45pm
Friday 1 st December	All day	Christmas Jumper day	Bring in a donation
Friday 8 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper day	Bring in a donation
Tuesday 12 th December	All day and evening	Christmas performances	9.30am, 2.00pm and 5.00pm
Friday 15 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper day	Bring in a donation
Wednesday 20 th December	lunchtime	Children's Christmas lunch	
Wednesday 20 th December	3.30 to 5.45pm	PTA Christmas Festival	
Wednesday 20 th December	6.00pm	PTA Christmas Fireworks	
Friday 22 nd December	All day	Christmas Jumper day	
Friday 22 nd December	1.30pm	School closes for the Christmas Break	
Monday 25 th December to Friday 5 th January	Christmas break – school closed		
Monday 8 th January 2024	8.40am	School opens for Spring term	