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Dear families,

Music Mark Award

Congratulations to Mrs Shaw (Stacey) our amazing Performing Arts subject leader, who has worked tirelessly and had been justly rewarded with the Music Mark for the school. We are so blessed to have Mrs Shaw on our staff and we all know and see how passionate she is about music, dance and drama and this benefits our children so much.

The award is through the ABRSM, which is 'The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music' and a global music education charity. "Your school has been invited by your Music Service to become a Music Mark School. They have recognised the value that you place on music and asked us to add you to the growing network of Music Mark Schools we support across the UK as a Music Subject Association".



Santa dash

Our recent Santa Dash was a huge success and a lot of fun too! Thanks go to Mr and Mrs Newton who brought their drone and filmed the event from above – many of the videos and images shared with families were as a result of their generosity and kindness. We were very lucky with the weather too – although it was cold!

Christmas jumper day

Last Friday was the first of the Christmas jumper days to be held on each Friday in December. It was amazing to see so many jumpers! Funds raised will be going to Save the Children and Cancer Research in memory of Mr Klausen who was the biggest Christmas fan ever!

PTA Film Night

Film night was a lovely event and the children really enjoyed staying late and going home in the dark! Thank you to the PTA for organising and running the event and to the staff who supported it! The atrium looked very Christmassy with every class having a tree on display!

PTA Christmas Festival

The PTA are very busy planning the Christmas festival. If you have any items we can use to create some hampers that would be much appreciated. The PTA would like to make hampers for children (sweets, small games, toys) and hampers for adults (wine, beer, chocolates, packaged food etc). If you have any items you can donate please send them into school. Thank you.

The event is on Wednesday 20th December. It starts after school and goes straight into the Fireworks event at 6.00pm. The entrance to the event is £2 for children and £4 for adults and this includes access to the fireworks. We recommend arriving from about 4pm if you want to enjoy the stalls and refreshments and arriving at about 5pm if you want just refreshments and the fireworks. Activities include;

Santa's Grotto (£2 per child), chips with curry or gravy, children's tattoos, face painting, reindeer food, games and stalls for the children to enjoy, tea and coffee or hot chocolate with cream, tuck shop.



Animal Safari

Today the school hall was full of animals, - parrots, a meerkat, a snake, a tortoise and a giant snail to name a few!! The children enjoyed seeing these very unusual animals and learning a bit about them. Another fabulous treat for every child this term! I got to hold the one of the bird a 66 years old parrot. The team at Animal Safari rescued the parrot. He had had 17 different homes and in his last home he spent 30 years locked inside his cage. He was never allowed out. This caused muscle wastage in his wings and no he can't now fly. However after 7 months the team at animal safari were able to show this wonderful bird enough love that they managed to create a bond with it - this was very challenging and required much love and patience. The parrot could live to about 80+ years and it is lovely to see him now calling from his travel cage for attention, then snuggling up and chilling out with the people who saved him.

Here is Mrs Mcrae looking thrilled to be making friends with a snake!!!



Christmas performances

A reminder that 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 through Parent Mail. Tickets will be sent home this week and we ask you to order your tickets by 10am tomorrow – Tuesday 5th December. After this date and time all tickets will be allocated. The tickets have a 'door opening' time on them and the doors won't be opened for the stated time for each performance.

Children who are not of school age are not permitted into any of the performances. They must be pre booked into the school crèche. Please do not arrive with any pre school children who are not booked into the crèche as they will not be admitted. You can email the school office to book a place in the crèche.

Commemorative Tree for Mr Klausen

The staff have organised a real Christmas tree to be planted at the front of the school to commemorate Mr Klausen. This will be planted hopefully later this week in the grassed area at the front of the school near the ramp. This is an area, where we can all see the tree each day and enjoy the lights that will be on it throughout Christmas. As always no children should be in this area at any time and particularly so in the coming months whilst the tree establishes itself. Thank you.

Community (co-opted) Governor needed!

We have staff governors, parent governors and community (co-opted) governors in our school. Our parent governor and staff governor roles are full but we have a vacancy for a community (co-opted) governor. This

can be anybody within the local community of Wirral. Co-opted governors can make the link between the world of work and education and constructively support the success of their local school. You don't have to be an expert in education and we welcome interest from all walks of life to bring different perspectives and views. These roles are a rewarding and effective way of making a voluntary contribution to the lives of local young people. If you are interested in our children's future, have energy and enthusiasm, and want to help with the direction the school's future, please send an expression of interest to the school office marked for the attention of the Chair of Governors, Mr David Spencer or email your interest to the school office. Thank you.

And finally,

A reminder that 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.



Mrs K Brown, Headteacher

Dates for the term

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
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	4.00 to 6.15pm	PTA Christmas Festival and Fireworks	
Friday 22 nd December	All day	Christmas Jumper day	Bring in a donation
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	