



Weekly Newsletter



17th December 2015

**School Closes tomorrow 18th December at 3.30pm
and will re-open Monday 4th January 8.50am**

Dear Parents

In our final newsletter of 2015, I wanted to thank you all for your support over what has been a very busy term. As it is the end of our first term I have been busy meeting with teachers across the school and I have been so pleased with the progress that our children are making. Although the removal of levels in assessment has posed schools many issues in tracking progress, I have been really pleased with the professional conversations I have been having. This term they have been much more focussed on the small steps of learning for groups and individuals rather than just talking about the level pupils are at. This enables us as teachers and leaders to look at the next steps and priorities for the next term's teaching. One part of this is the great support many parents give us with home learning and I have seen some great examples of parents supporting learning at home through reading diaries and maths books – this really does make a difference, thank you.

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you at the school's Christmas performances over the past fortnight. Thank you for your supportive and appreciative comments. It is the staff here that work so hard with the children and give up so much of their own time, that enable us to put on such a high standard of performance and I have passed on your thanks to them. The confidence the children show on stage, the quality of the singing and acting and the fact that all pupils get the opportunity to be on stage is a credit to all involved, not least the children themselves. I would also like to thank parents for your help in sourcing costumes that give the performances that extra visual impact.

I would also like to thank the PTFA who have contributed so much over the last year and who work tirelessly to raise funds for those little extras that enhance the learning experience in school. The new i-pads, i-mac and charging trolley are great and wouldn't have been purchased without the contribution from the PTFA. More importantly though, are that the events are always family and children orientated, providing enjoyable experiences to share together as a learning family.

As tomorrow (Friday), is the last day of term, the children have expressed their desire to be able to bring in games. I will allow this with the understanding that **the school cannot take responsibility for these games**. I will allow handheld computers (e.g. DS) and have explained to the children the rules for using these in an assembly. Board games are also welcome; however, please avoid bringing games with many small parts. Also the games will not be allowed onto the playgrounds during lunch or break.

Finally, I am expecting a very special phone call tomorrow, from Father Christmas himself, to see if there are any late alterations to be made to his 'Naughty and Nice' lists. I will of course need the children to promise to be extra good for the final few days before Christmas, help parents by helping out around the house and to go to bed on time, especially on Christmas Eve, before I can confirm my final recommendations!

I would like to wish each and every one of our Learning Family

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mr R Osborne





If your child has not received another letter including a refund they have been allocated a place.


EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITY for January 2016		
Monday		Y5/6 Table Tennis (Starting 11th January)
Tuesday		Y1/2 Dodgeball (Starting 12th January)
Wednesday	KS1 PE Lunchtime Club	
Thursday		Y3/4 Indoor Athletics (Starting 14th January)
Friday	KS2 PE Lunchtime Club	Aston Villa Football (Starting 8th January)



Friday 18th December

**Text Santa
Christmas Jumper Day**

(Suggested donation £1)



Class of the Week
7th – 11th December 2015

Mrs Tanner's Class – 99.33%

(Whole School Attendance for this week: 97.12 %)

Reminder - Parking

It has been brought to our attention that a Blue Audi reg. no BF05 HCY has blocked one of our neighbours' driveways making them late for work.

Please be appreciative of residents living near to school.

REMINDER

Closing date to make your application for your child to start Reception in 2016 is:

15th January 2016

Applications can be made online:
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Week Commencing		4 th January 2016		Week 3	
Child's Name:			Class:		
<i>Monday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Organic Beef Bolognaise with Wholemeal Pasta	(v) Mild Vegetable Chilli with Rice	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Tuesday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Coconut and Coriander Chicken with Rice	(V) Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Wednesday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	(V) Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Thursday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Organic Minced Beef and Onion Pie with Mashed Potatoes	(V) Spicy Bean Hotpot with Mashed Potatoes	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Friday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	MSC Fish Fillet Fingers with Chips	(V) Cheddar Cheese Whirl with Chips	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
Subject to availability					