

Dear parents and carers,

Advent is here and we are now gearing up for the busy-ness and excitement that occurs in a primary school in the lead-up to Christmas! We will, however, continue to maintain our high expectations of behaviour and learning and children will always be reminded and supported to follow our school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe and to demonstrate pro-learning and pro-social behaviour - right up until the final day of term.

This week saw our Year Six children showcasing their World War Two learning to their parents and carers with some high quality writing, DT (Anderson Shelters) and artwork on display. Thank you to all who attended and well done to Year Six.

Also this week, some of our Y5/6 children participated in a Sportshall athletics event at Manor School in Raunds. The team performed well and came in 10th place out of 15 schools.

Last Saturday, our wonderful Y5/6 Strictly Dancers performed on-stage at the Derngate theatre in Northampton where they danced in front of a packed audience. The team sadly did not make the top three this year... but we know they will keep dancing...! Huge thanks to Miss Luca and Miss Bartholomew for giving up so much of their own time to lead this event.

All Saints Church links

We are delighted that our Year 2 and 3 children are visiting All Saints church next week for the "Christmas Experience." Some church volunteers are also visiting Reception for a nativity puppet show. As of next Friday, every child in our school will have their bauble displayed on the school Christmas trees at the church Christmas Tree festival. This is open to all on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December.

Christmas performance tickets

We have sent emails to all of senior choir and all of Reception detailing how to book your tickets online via ParentMail. Any problems, please speak to the office.

Scholastic Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fayre. So far, we have raised over £270 commission which will be spent on new books for the school library.

Reading in school

We are delighted with the improvement in numbers of children reading at home, with the winning classes this week achieving over 90% of children reading 5 times per week at home. Well done to Crocus class and Beech class for winning this week. Thank you for your support with this.

The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation Christmas hampers and turkeys

We fundraised for The McCarthy Dixon Foundation for our harvest charity this year and they continue to support our school and families in lots of ways. We are delighted that the Foundation are once again able to offer Christmas food parcels and frozen turkeys to families in our school who need them. Please speak to Rosie Brennan (Family Support Worker) in confidence if your family would like one this Christmas.

If you are interested in raising funds for The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation and are feeling brave enough to complete a "Fire walk" - please see the attached flier and contact the charity directly.

PTA Christmas Fayre

Thanks to all of the junior and senior choirs who will be performing tomorrow at The Works on Queen Street. The Christmas Fayre is open 11am – 3pm and I hope to see lots of you there.

PE kit reminder

I have noticed lots of children wearing logo'd items for PE. Our PE kit is plain black or plain bottle green trousers and plain white or plain bottle green t-shirts and a plain green jumper (not hoodies). Adidas, Nike and other logo'd items should not be worn for PE days. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Pupil absence reminder

Parents are reminded that if your child is ill a phone call should be made to the school **office by 8.30am on each day of absence**. Please call 01604 810371 and choose option 1 to leave a message. There are illnesses where absence for more than one day can be agreed. For example, the school follows NHS advice that children shouldn't attend school for 48-hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea, and to try and avoid contact with people for three days after testing positive for covid.

If you know your child is going to be absent for a day or more, for any reason other than illness, please complete our [leave of absence form](#), under the 'Parent' tab on the school website. Thank you.

Nut Free School

This is a reminder that we are a nut free school. We have a number of children with life-threatening nut allergies, and for this reason, we ask that all food sent into school does not contain any nuts. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you for reading the lengthy newsletter today! Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Miss Lally

Letters home this week

EY Nativity performance tickets – Reception only

Senior choir invited to sing at the luncheon club – Senior choir only

Sycamore class message

Christmas Fayre reminder

Scrooge tickets booking – Senior choir only

Recorder clubs last week next week – All recorder clubs

Christmas holiday club flyer

Y6 WWII showcase invitation reminder

Book Fayre reminder

Choirs singing at the PTA Christmas Fayre – Junior and Senior choirs

Clarinet reminder – Sunflower class only

Flu vaccine 2nd chance letter

Attachments

PTA Christmas Fayre flyer

PTA Christmas raffle prizes

TMDF Fire walk poster