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People with time for Children

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Newsletter 4

Dear Parents,

Thank you to Rachael and Claire for organising the half term party at the community centre. They have donated the profit of £35.26 to the school.

Poppy Appeal

As usual we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This year we have been given an alternative pack to the traditional poppy. We have:

- Wristbands in various colours – Suggested Donation 50p each

- Reflector Poppy – Suggested Donation 50p each

- Friendship Bracelets in various colours – Suggested Donation £1.00 each

- Snap Bands in various colours – Suggested Donation £1.00 each

The school council will visit each class during morning registration to sell these items.

Shoe Box Appeal

The shoebox appeal was launched just before the half term. If you would like to donate a filled shoebox please send it into school by Thursday 9th November. Additional leaflets are available from the office. Thank you.

Individual Photographs

We hope to receive the school photograph proofs within the next few days. As usual to ensure that we get them back in time to send off to family and friends with Christmas Cards we will require a quick return of orders and payments. Payments are made directly to Colorfoto and you may also order and pay online. Details will be on your proofs.

Christmas Cards – Cauliflower Cards

Our children are busily working on their Christmas Card designs and will bring home details of how to purchase packs at the end of next week. Should you wish to purchase cards and gift tags please return the order form to the school and make payment (total of your order) through Parentpay. We would like to send the whole school order off by 17th November. Many thanks.

Books for Bugs – 15th November

We have organised for the local book company 'Book for Bugs' to visit the school on the afternoon of Wednesday 15th November 2017. They offer various books priced at just £2.50 each no matter what the recommended retail price is. All books are brand new and you will be able to see something suitable to all of our children. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or card. As well as picking up a cheap Christmas present you will also help the school add to our library as we will receive a 20% commission on all sales to spend on books. Further details will follow.

Friends Non-Uniform Day 2 – Wednesday 15th November

Thank you for all the bottle donations received from our last non-uniform day. This time the Friends are asking for donations of Chocolate for the tombola for the Christmas Fair. Children are welcome to come into school in fancy dress or non-uniform.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Parents Evening/Afternoon

These will take place on the evening of **Wednesday 22nd November** and the afternoon of **Thursday 23rd November**. A separate letter has been sent home with the children and emailed to parents where we have an email address. If you have missed these please contact the office to make an appointment. For Pre-School Parents the meetings will be held on **Wednesday 29th November**.

Christmas Performances

The infant children will perform their nativity plays on the afternoon of **Tuesday 5th December** and the evening of **Wednesday 6th December**. A dress rehearsal will take place on Monday 4th December. Further information regarding tickets will follow shortly.

Friends Non-Uniform Day 3 – Wednesday 6th December

The Friends are asking for donations of 'Jazzy Jars' in return for children to wear their Christmas jumpers to school. Fill a clean jam jar with sweets or goodies – decorate the outside and bring them into school for the tombola. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme

Children in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are being invited to have a Nasal Flu Immunisation on the morning of **7th December 2017**. A separate letter will be issued asking for permission for your child to take part. Pre-School children and those in years 5 and 6 are being recommended to visit their doctor's surgery if they wish to be immunised against the flu.

Friends Christmas Fair – Monday 11th December

This will take place on the afternoon of Monday 11th December. To make it a success a lot of people put in a lot of time and hard work. If you are able to help before the day, set up on the day, run a stall, or clear away your help would be gratefully received. If you are able to help and have not already been approached please see Shelley Averis, Marie Williams, Emma Tattersall or call into the school office. Thank you.

Christmas Visits

The Pre-Schools visit to Gloucester Docks will take place on **Monday 11th December**. The remainder of the school will visit the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury to see Sleeping Beauty on **Wednesday 13th December**. Thank you to the parents that have already paid for these visits, if you have not as yet please visit www.parentpay.com. Once again we thank the Friends committee for paying towards the transport for both of these visits.

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 12th December

The whole school are invited to take a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 12th December – Menus to follow.

Pre-School Carol Singing

Parents are invited into school on the morning of Thursday 14th December to listen to the Pre-school children sing their Christmas Carols.

End of Term discos – Thursday 14th December

These will take place in the afternoon for the Infant and Pre-School children and 4.00 – 5.30 for the Junior Children.

Christmas Carol Concert Friday 15th December

We will round off the year with our annual Carol Concert at St Ethelberts Church. Parents are invited into school for tea/coffee from 9.00 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. The Church service will start at 10.00. School will close at 2.00 p.m.

Our Christmas Holidays start on Monday 18th December and we return to school on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Changes to access routes around the school

Due to the creation of the outside area (an Ofsted requirement) in the rear playground by Holly Leaves Class and keeping our children safe at the beginning and end of the school day, access to the rear playground from the front of the school is no longer available.

Please use the main entrance doors or access the school via Oak Way. Thank you for your co-operation.

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