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Loving one another, building each other up

10th December 2019

Newsletter 8

Dear Parents,

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all the parents, friends and families who donated to, helped run and attended this years Christmas Fair. We raised just over £600 for the school. Further details to follow from the Friends Association.

Play Equipment Holly Leaves Class

Thank you for your patience whilst we had our new play equipment installed outside Holly Leaves Class. It has taken much longer than estimated but we are very happy with installation. Hopefully, the children will have much fun in this area for many years. The infant children can now be delivered and collected from Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Class doors as usual.

Headlice and Nits

We have been advised that some families are experiencing problems with headlice and nits. Please help us to become nit and headlice free by tying long hair up whilst in school and checking your children (and other family members) on a regular basis. Further information can be found on the NHS direct website. Thank you.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

Infant Christmas Performances

The evening performance takes place on **Wednesday 11th December 6.00 p.m.** Children should be back in school for 5.15 p.m. and should be collected at 6.45 p.m. if you are not staying for the performance.

Ipad Music Performance

Maple Class have been learning how to use Ipad to make music this term and will hold a performance for parents on **Friday 13th December at 9.30 a.m.** We hope you are able to attend.

Pre-School Sing-a-long

We invite parents to join our Pre-School children on **Monday 16th December at 2.15 p.m.** to hear them singing songs they have learnt this term. We hope you are able to join us.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers

Our Christmas Lunch takes place on **Wednesday 18th December**, if you have not booked one please do so as soon as possible. Also on Wednesday 18th December the children may wear a Christmas Jumper into school – other clothing should be school uniform – we ask for a donation of £1.00 towards our Wellfound Charity. This can be paid in cash or through our online payment system at www.parentpay.com.

Rock Steady Concert

Parents are invited to join us on **Thursday 19th December at 9.30 a.m.** to listen to our Rock Steady groups perform their songs that they have been practicing this term.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Pantomime

We are going to the Roses Theatre at Tewkesbury to watch the pantomime Aladdin on **Thursday 19th December**. We ask for a contribution of £11.90 per child to cover the cost of the visit. We thank the Friends Association for subsidising this visit with a donation of £400, which goes a long way to covering the cost of transport.

We will be leaving school, after an early packed lunch, at approximately 12.15 p.m. and returning approximately 4.30 p.m. All children entitled to a free school meal or universal free school meal will be ordered a packed lunch.

Thank you if you have already made a payment through parent pay for this visit, if not please can you do this as soon as possible. If you have any difficulty with this please do not hesitate to contact us.

On return to school, the children will go to their classes to collect their belongings, use the toilet etc. Please arrange to collect them from their normal doors in the rear playground. Take care where you park cars, remember that the buses will need to pull into the bus layby and children will be walking across the school playground so parents are reminded that these areas should not be used as a carpark. Also, as it will be dark we will not let children walk home unless they are with an adult. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

Christmas Service at St Ethelberts

We will hold our usual carol service at St Ethelberts on **Friday 20th December** starting at **1.00 p.m.** Hot school meals will not be available on this day, please bring a packed lunch. All children entitled to a free school meal or universal free school meal will be ordered a packed lunch. Children will return to school and the school will close for the holidays at **2.00 p.m.** We re-open on Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.45 a.m.

School Communication

The school twitter account is now live and we are tweeting frequently. You can find us at @littledeansch.

Have you accessed your area of the school website and downloaded the App yet? If not please give it a go, if you can't remember your login details please contact the school office. Thank you.

We aim to stop paper copies of letters in January 2020. Further information to follow.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 th December	Infant Performance 2.00 p.m.
Wednesday 11 th December	Infant Performance 6.00 p.m.
Friday 13 th December	Ipad Music Performance for Parents 9.30 a.m.
Monday 16 th December	Pre-School sing-a-long 2.15 p.m.
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumpers)
Thursday 19 th December	Rocksteady Performance for Parents 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 19 th December	Whole School and Pre-School Pantomime at Roses Theatre
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Service St Ethelberts Church 1.00 p.m. School closes at 2.00 p.m.
Wednesday 15 th January	Young Voices Concert in Birmingham
Weds 22 nd April – Fri 24 th April	Maple Class Residential Visit

Term Dates 2019/2020

Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2020 – Friday 14 th February 2020
Term 4	Tuesday 25 th February 2020 – Friday 3 rd April 2020
Term 5	Monday 20 th April 2020 – Friday 22 nd May 2020
Term 6	Tuesday 2 nd June 2020 – Friday 17 th July 2020

Please note that the early May Day Bank Holiday has been changed from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020