



Newsletter 8: December 2018

News: Our school in the community.

Key Stage Christmas Fayre This week our KS2 classrooms have been transformed into Father Christmas' workshop. The elves, I mean children, are busily producing really lovely Christmas decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre on Friday. So many parents and members of our community have helped with this project: providing materials and coming in to work with the children for HOURS! We'd like to say a huge Knighton 'Thank You!' to them all.

The whole project has been carefully planned to give the children opportunities to design, cost, make and evaluate a really exciting product. All they need now are real-life customers. The children are aiming to make a profit so they're hoping for plenty of parents/carers/aunts/ granddads to come and buy their wares. To ensure that Friday afternoon is fun but safe for everyone, we need everyone to stick to the following plan:

- 2pm – 2.30pm Any adult who does NOT want to walk around with a Foundation Phase child is invited to come into school via the staff car park door (please do not bring cars into the staff car park), sign in at the office and go on into the hall where all the Key Stage 2 children will be running stalls and the Young Entrepreneurs will be manning a Christmas Café.
- 2.30pm – 2.45pm The Foundation Phase children and all their teachers will be having their playtime on the front yard. A member of the Foundation Phase team will unlock the main gate and stay there to make sure no child leaves the playground. Parents/carers who would like to walk round the Fayre with a Foundation Phase child can meet them on the playground, tell their class teacher that they'd like to take their child to the Fayre, walk in through the Foundation Phase door and sign in at the office and go on into the hall.
- At 3pm ALL Foundation Phase pupils need to be taken back to their classrooms. Parents who want to stay in the dry/warm until the end of the school day will be welcomed back in the hall at the Christmas Café.
- All children will be dismissed safely, by their class teachers, from the playground as usual at 3.15pm.

NB: To help us keep EVERYBODY safe, adults must remember to sign in and out at the school office. To avoid fire exits being blocked, pushchairs must be left outside or, if it's wet, in the foyer.

Donations of cakes or mince pies for the Christmas Café would be much appreciated. They can be left at the school office.

On Monday **Out of The Blue**, an 'a cappella' group from Oxford featuring ex-pupil Rory Naylor, spent AN AMAZING afternoon working with our Key Stage 2 pupils. At the end of the afternoon we watched the performance and everyone was smiling. What a fantastic experience for our children!

Information

Foundation Phase Christmas Production Tickets (Pre-school – Yr2) These are now available from the School Office. 2 tickets will be allocated to each family per performance. Tickets will cost £1.50 each and must be paid for on collection. Please make sure you have collected your tickets by tomorrow, Thursday 6th December.

The following children will be receiving a 'well done' certificate on Friday, 14th December at 9.10am:

Noah Alderton	Jobe Price	Stan Blower	Mai Knipe	Elsie Nowell
Blake Bull	Lewis Sharp	Jazz Crichton-Seal	Mari Scott	Calum Chick-Ford
Mason Harris	Bobbi Gulliver	Lauren Graham	Mya Bradley	Sharon Jones
Erin Jones	Josh James	Lillie Wood	Ned Cadwallader	Harvey-Lee Morgan
Kian Branford	Autumn Jones	Alfie Bennett	Jonathon Davies	Owen Waddington
Molly Gutsohn	Millie-Jo Perkins	Lilien Gutsohn	Bradley Ives-Kirtland	

Oaker Wood Leisure Residential Trip The full balance or the next instalment is due on Thursday 20th December.

Batteries / Stamps / Ink Cartridges Just a reminder that we have collection boxes for all of these in the office. Your support is very much appreciated.

Change of Lunch Menu On Tuesday 18th December there will not be a roast lunch, it will be chicken grill in a bap with salad and baked beans.

Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 20th December and will cost £3.

Christmas Parties These will be held on Thursday 20th December. Children can come to school in their party clothes but please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes and clothes that the children can have fun in without worrying about getting dirty.

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 14th December. If your child would like to come to school in a Christmas jumper instead of school uniform, please send them with a donation for the Welsh Air Ambulance. Children do not need to wear uniform underneath.

Excellent Attendance Certificates and the **Egg Nog Challenge** There is so much evidence to show the link between excellent attendance and excellent achievement that we're holding these two celebrations together during assembly on Friday 7th December. Children already have their maths facts to learn, and it would be great if they had a chance to practise at home too. 9.10am start, all welcome.

The Community Carol Service, held at the Community Centre, will be on Tuesday 11th December starting at 6pm. Our school choir will be singing and children have had separate letters to take home about this.

Friends of School Christmas Fete is on Sunday 9th December at the Community Centre starting at 2pm. Flyers regarding this have already been sent home. If anyone can spare any time to help, please contact Gemma Alderton.

Our Christmas Carol Concert will be at school on Friday 21st December, starting at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.