

15th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Collective Worship**

Our theme for this term is faith. Children will also be covering this in class as part of their PSHE, RE or Class Collective Worship. Our bible verse is: *'Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ' Galatians 2:16*

### **Class Awards**

**Butterflies** – Shyla for working hard at ordering numbers to 20. Benjamin and Jemima for being super at learning words that rhyme.

**Owls** – The whole of the Owl Class for putting on a fantastic performance of “Tinsel and Tea Towels”. They were all brilliant!

**Dragons** – Alexander for writing a wonderful Christmas poem and for using his neatest joined handwriting throughout. Abby F for taking on a new role in the Christmas Nativity and working hard to learn all her lines in a short amount of time.

**Rabbits** – Belle-Maria for challenging herself in maths this week. She has shown excellent understanding when finding fractions of amounts. Oscar for recalling some excellent facts about our rainforest topic. Well done Oscar. Handwriting hero of the week is George.

**Hedgehogs** – Matilda for trying really hard with her handwriting this week. Daniel for writing an excellent witness report including lots of fronted adverbials.

**Foxes** – Adam for his amazing cautionary tale draft – we can't wait to see the final version today. Johnny for his excellent work on fractions over the past week. He has really shown his understanding of what can be a difficult concept to learn.

**Eagles** – Macie for excellent World War I letter writing in topic. Rhianne for a super lecturette about the history and uses of cupboards.

### **Telephone Lines**

A BT engineer will be with us on Monday morning to try and fix our phone line. Calls are being temporarily diverted to the school mobile, so we are now reachable by phone on the usual number. Apologies for the inconvenience this has caused.

### **After School Clubs**

A reminder that clubs have finished for this half term and there will be no clubs next week.

We are in the process of producing the registers for next half term and will let everyone know if their child has a place shortly through ParentMail.

## **Carol Service Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Can I remind you that our Carol Service for this year will be in St Mary's Church at 2pm on the last day of term – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. If you are attending the service you may take your children home at the end of the service. If you are unable to attend you can either pick your child up from the church at 3pm or back at school at normal pick-up time 3.15pm. **Please do not bring bikes/scooters or book bags on this day.**

## **PTA**

Thank you so much to those of you who completed the questionnaire about the timing of the PTA. 55.7% indicated that they would like the time to remain at 8pm. We will keep the survey open until the New Year to enable anyone who hasn't had the time to complete the survey to do so. Thank you also for the comments which I will share with the PTA at the next meeting.

## **EYFS & KS1 Performance**

Didn't they do well? So many of the children had long lines to learn and deliver! It was an adventurous play for such young children, but they rose to the challenge and we should be very proud of them all. One parent commented on the excellent standard of singing for such young children. What always impresses me is the enjoyment and enthusiasm from all our children. Thank you to everyone who contributed prizes or bought tickets to the raffle, we raised £127.45, which will go towards the Eagle Residential.

The Kitchen family won the hamper and the Biggs family won the swimming voucher. Well done!

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

All the children have looked very festive today in Christmas jumpers and outfits. We have raised £108.00 towards Save the Children – thank you!

## **End of Term**

The first term is always a long and busy term and this year has been no exception. Children have taken part in various sporting events with our football team achieving exceptionally well. Bollywood or traditional Indian Dancing sessions marked Diwali. We celebrated World Science Day with support from parents with scientific expertise leading sessions. We have supported various charities including a visit from Pudsey and the Rickshaw Challenge which included a TV appearance! Our choir have sung at three Christmas events. There has been a Harvest Festival, Nativity and the term will end with our Carol Service next week. Thank you so much to all the children and staff who have worked so hard this term. **We would like to wish you all a great Christmas and all the best for the New Year.**

**Please see a list attached with dates for your calendar.  
All dates are subject to change.**

