



Dear Parent/Carer,

December 2018 Newsletter

Lockdown Procedures

Thank you all for your kind words and comments after the incident last Friday, which caused us to lockdown the school. We rehearse incidents like this regularly and staff know the routine and I would like to praise them for their professionalism and support. The children were also excellent and their behaviour and attitude was exemplary as always. Our priority is to keep the children safe and I hope that you have seen for yourselves that your child's safety is paramount to any decisions made.

After any incident, we review procedures and make changes if we feel we could improve the situation.

- In any future situation, can I kindly request parents not to call school if you get a text, stating we are in lockdown. We have to leave the phone lines clear as this is how I communicate with the police and the local authority for instructions. Things were a little delayed on Friday as the phone lines were understandably busy with worried parents. I assure you, we will keep you updated with texts as and when we have information.
- In future, if we go into lockdown we will not open the gates to let any parents on site. Although I did this as I was concerned about the safety of parents in the street, some of the children saw people on the playground and became upset thinking that 'strangers' were coming into school.
- Also, in the event of a lockdown, we will not under any circumstance allow children to leave school until we have had the all clear from the police. Opening the school to allow a child to leave before the all clear has been given, leaves my other 360 children vulnerable.

I do not mean to sound like a bossy Headteacher, but I hope that you have seen first hand for yourself that we plan for all eventualities and rehearse them. Even a dinosaur with a robber on their back coming onto the playground!

Christmas Fete

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we are doing different things for Christmas this year. (Even though Ms Clacy is sulking that she is not seeing Rudolf and his reindeers this year!) We are trying to do more for the children.

3rd December Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 film night 'Arthur Christmas.'

4th December Year 3,4,5, and 6 film night 'The Grinch.'

17th December Nursery, Rec, Years 1& 2 – Secret Santa Sale in school (gifts 50p -£2- a max of £3)

18th December Years 3,4,5, and 6- Secret Santa Sale in school (gifts 50p -£2- a max of £3)

Christmas Raffle (Prizes- a hamper, a scooter and Teddy) Tickets 50p – on sale from Monday

Selection Box Raffle –(WIN A SELECTION BOX) Tickets 20p- on sale from Monday

Collection for the homeless

At this time of year we do a collection for the homeless in the area. The parents at Old Church are the most generous parents that I have ever met but I appreciate that this is an expensive time of year. The children can wear their own clothes on Friday 7th of December in return for bringing in one of the following items:

A packet of biscuits sweets/chocolate adult scarf/ hats/socks or gloves soap
toothpaste/ brush shampoo tin of beans tin of soup flannel toiletries

Christmas Parties

We have tried to simplify arrangements for the parties this year. They are all on the same day for every year group.

- School will provide food and drink-
- No money is required. School will pay.
- Non uniform all day
- Sensible footwear please.
- Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 will require lunch that day
- Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2 will NOT require lunch that day.

Kind Regards,

Davina Clacy

Autumn Term 2018 Dates

29.11.18 Years 4, 5 and 6 trip to the Theatre
06.12.18 Tea with Ms Clacy for Golden book children Tbc.
07.12.18 Wear your own clothes day in return for an item for the homeless

Christmas Activities

07.12.18 KS1 Dress rehearsal
11.12.18 9:30 am Y1/2 The Nativity Play
12.12.18 9:30a.m. Y1/2 'The Nativity'
13.12.18 9:30a.m. Foundation 'The Nativity'
14.12.18 9:30 Foundation Performance- 'The Nativity'

18.12.18 Reception party pm
Nursery Parties am
KS2 Y5/6 Party pm
KS2 Y3/4 Party pm
KS1 Party

19.12.18 School Christmas Dinner
20.12.18 Carol service 2:00PM
21.12.18 Break up for Christmas holiday **at 1:30pm**

Spring Term 2019

07.01.19 Training Day
08.01.19 Children back to school
18.02.19 22.02.19 Half term