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NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Deborah Richards B.Ed

Thank you to all the parents who have stopped to chat.

After 7 weeks as your new Headteacher I have found that your children are a real asset, being so keen and enthusiastic in their learning, they are a pleasure to teach.

Equally I have inherited a very caring and committed staff and Governing Body, who share my vision to provide the very best education and well being for your children.

We have started to make future improvements to teaching through training and support and also to make subtle changes to how we do things e.g. ability grouping.

I am very keen to further develop relationships with parents, and hope to see more of you in school at various informal events.

So, have an enjoyable half term on the countdown to Christmas.

Regards

Deborah Richards
Headteachers



Parent meetings

17th, 18th, 19th November

Please reply to your class teacher for a time slot. We do encourage all parents to attend please, so we can report progress.

2 YEAR OLD FUNDING



We are considering offering a 2 year old funded session (free 15hrs) .

We need to get some feedback to see if this would be something you want. We shall be asking around at the beginning and end of day for some feedback.



GUESTS FROM CHINA

As part of our links with Taicang we are hosting a visit from a trade delegation as part of their visit to the Wirral. Our Chinese guests will be meeting staff and children and having afternoon tea.



OAKANDS TRIP

Year 5 and 6 are visiting Oakland's outdoor centre for the week of Monday 30th November. As we need 3 staff to travel with the children Miss Lloyd Yr 4 will be accompanying the children with Miss Sheridan and Mrs Hamlett. Therefore Mr Ford, our regular supply will cover Yr4 that week.



DIARY DATES

Children in Need Day - 12th Nov
School Photographs - 13th Nov
Parents Meetings 17th - 19th Nov
Family Bingo - 13th Nov
Xmas Fair - 4th Dec
Christingle - 10th Dec
Craft Morning - 11th Dec
Y1&Y2 singalong - 15th Dec
Xmas Production Yr3 & 4 -16 Dec
Children Xmas Party - 17 Dec
School Breaks up - 18 Dec
School Opens - Mon 6 Jan 2016



Children in Need

Thursday 12th November
We are having a pyjama day to raise money for Children in Need. Children need to bring 50p if they come dressed in their pyjamas.



School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Friday 13th November if you wish a younger sibling to have a photo with their brother/sister please come to school for 9.00am and collect a ticket from the school office.



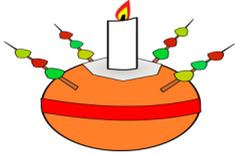
Family Bingo - Fri 13th Nov

Letter to follow with time on.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

will take place on Fri 4th December. We would be grateful for any donations of toiletries, sweets and bottles for the tombola. Thank you.



CHRISTINGLE

Tuesday 10th Dec 9.45am at Christ The King Church. We are pleased that we are able to join in this lovely Christian service as a whole school, and children and staff will be walking down to church.



READING WEEK

Many thanks to all who came to the workshops. Thank you to all who took part in the extreme read the winner was Kristina Juskaite who received a £15 Waterstones Voucher and 2nd prize Dakota Moore who received a £10 voucher. Many children were given a book for reading every night.

CHILDREN'S CENTRE UPDATE

Wirral Children's centre are currently having a staffing review. As soon as we know what services are being offered we will let you know.

FAMILY DROP IN

Wednesday mornings 9am
Please feel free to drop in and have a bacon butty, with our friendly family support worker Linda on hand to help with any matters you may have.



STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to welcome Miss Phillipa Wickens as Yr3 teacher to our team. Some of you will remember Miss Wickens as a previous staff member and we are really pleased to have her back.

Miss Maillet is recovering at home from a medical matter at the moment and we hope she will be back fit and well soon.

YR 5 & YR 6

As part of continual improvements we have decided to ability group years 5 and 6 for English & Maths in the morning. This means we can closely match work to the children's ability and impact on raising standards further.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We run a range of after school clubs: Multi sports, cookery club, choir, science club and Code club. If you would like to participate please enquire at the office.



Bronze Award

We are delighted to have achieved The Sainsbury school games award. Our thanks to Mr Hamlett for all his hard work.



MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Please note that due to changes in legislation, we will no longer be able to administer **non-prescribed** medication, this includes over the counter medicine such as Calpol, Periton or cough syrup.

We will continue to administer medication to children that has been prescribed by your Doctor.

School Development Priorities

Summary:

This year our priorities are:

Developing further the quality of teaching & learning.

Developing outstanding outcomes for our children.

Developing excellent personal development, behaviour & welfare.

Building leadership capacity.

Building accountability.

Strengthen partnership with parents and other partners.

Behind these 6 priorities are detailed action plans for improvement which the Governors will monitor over the coming year.



ATTENDANCE

We awarded 85 100% attendance certificates to the children. Well done all those children.