

## Newsletter December 2019

### **Christmas School Lunch**

**Reception, Year 1 year 2** – Wednesday 4.12.19

There is no cost for this meal as your child is entitled to a **Universal Meal** funded by the government. Please request a meal by returning the slip sent home. No money required.

**Year 3 to year 6** - Thursday 5.12.19

Please book in advance for all children's Christmas meals; if you are entitled to free meal you will need to return the slip or send with £2.20 in a named envelope.

### **Christmas Sing-A-Long for parents to attend**

Nursery 12.12.19 11.30am and 2.45pm (in Little Skippers)

Reception 10.12.19 9.30am

Year 1 11.12.19 9.30am

Year 2 12.12.19 9.30am

### **Christmas Craft sessions for KS2 for parents to attend**

Year3 10.12.19 2pm

Year 4 11.12.19 2pm

Year 5 12.12.19 2pm

Year 6 13.12.19 2pm

Please note that the hall space we have is limited during these events therefore you will be asked to leave your buggy in the reception area or cover area outside the office. Sadly we ask you not to take photographs.

### **Christmas Parties**

Nursery party Monday 16.12.19 1-3pm

Reception to Year 6 ; Tuesday 17.12.19

Please send you child to school wearing party clothes on that day. Each class will display a list of party requirements. We will be grateful of any contributions. All reception and nursery dates will be sent directly to you via parent app.

### **Christmas Fayre**

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-5pm. The fayre will take place in our school hall. The PTA have put the raffle hampers together so there is no need for classes to send in donations for the hampers as requested in an early newsletter.

### **Theatre Singing Club with Ms Hurrell and Mrs Bridle**

Ms Hurrell, Mrs Bridle and their singing club are invited to sing at St Mary's Church on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm to perform songs from Oliver and The Sound of Music. All families are invited to this Christmas concert.

### **Bournemouth Symphonic Orchestra trip**

We have been invited once again, to a live performance of Bournemouth Symphonic Orchestra, performing at Exeter University. We have had the good fortune of being allocated free tickets and the cost of our coach has been donated.

### **Science Dome visits year 3**

We had a very exciting visit from the Science Dome, explaining the science of magnetism and electricity. A recent grant application covered the cost of this visit.

### **Holiday Dates**

**Christmas Break** 19th Dec –6th Jan 2020

The school will be closed for INSET on 6th January. Spring term 1 begins on 7th Jan 2020.

### **Universal Meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

Universal meals are funded by the government, every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can have a free meal. Please remember that your child is entitled to a funded meal every day or any day that your child fancies something they would like to try on the menu. Some children have a meal every day, some have a meal on a Wednesday as they like a roast dinner or sometimes we haven't shopped and packed lunch ingredients just aren't in the fridge that day! You can order a meal by just asking

for one at register time in the morning. The school also benefits from children taking a universal meal. If less children take one, we are funded less in our budget. Crazy but true!

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Congratulations to both Riley Stapleton and Owen Dale, both boys had the honour of placing a wreath at the WW2 memorial in Victoria Park on behalf of their organisation. They were joined by Sasha Bengey, a former pupil. The children were joined by other pupils from our school who attended the Remembrance service representing the Guides, Scouts, Sea Cadets and St John's Ambulance Service..

### **Parent Consultations**

Despite the dreadful wet weather, we had a record number of parents attend meetings with their child's teacher. Teachers really do appreciate the time you give to these meetings in amongst your own busy week.

### **Pudsey Bear and Children in Need**

Thanks you Mrs Langmead for organising our non-uniform day. The event raised in the end £270, thank everyone who brought 50p. We were lucky enough to have a quick visit from Pudsey Bear himself thanks from Devon BBC!

### **Big School Walk**

Well done Mrs Smart for taking on such a mammoth task, supported by Ms Wilson and Mr Nichol. It's great to see so many parents cheer the children on. With our change from paper to electronic letters, I feel we did inform you as well as we could. We will do better next time!

### **Pantomime 2020**

M&M Productions return again for the 12<sup>th</sup> year, this time with a production of Sleeping Beauty. We ask all staff and children to dress up as a character from a traditional tale. We request that each child brings into school an item of food for Bideford's Food Bank. Any child wishing not to dress up should come to school in their school uniform.

### **Holiday requests**

The school will not authorise holidays during term time. We are required to follow government procedures. If your child is absent for a 3<sup>rd</sup> day, medical evidence will be necessary or the absence will be unauthorised.

### **Playground before and after school**

Please remember that you are in charge of your child's well-being before 9am and after your child is collected from school.