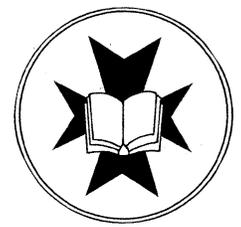


St John's Primary School and Nursery
- Wednesday 19th November 2014 -
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Week 3: 19.11.14

Lots of thank yous in this week's newsletter as there has been a lovely community feel around school.

Firstly, thank you for the knitted Christmas jumpers that have come in. I really appreciate your time and trouble to make these for our Christmas tree competition. They are all unique and very special.

Secondly, thank you for your very generous donations to Children in Need last week. We raised over £200. The children looked fantastic in their variety of costumes too.

Finally, can I thank all of our parent volunteers? We have a wide range of helpers who regularly come into school each week, and a large group who are always ready to accompany us on trips and visits. Without this support, we would not be able to operate in the way we do.

Best wishes,

Mr D Barrow
 Head Teacher

Pride Points

The winner last week was 1D. Sadly, it was raining on Friday, but they enjoyed their extra playtime on Monday.

Curriculum Enrichment

In the New Year, we will be starting more Out of School Clubs, run by the teachers, to complement the provision provided by Premier Sports.

Alongside this, we are offering a range of enrichment at lunchtime. This was discussed in assembly this week. Just for your information, we are offering:

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| Monday | Lego with Mr Barrow |
| Tuesday | Puzzles with Mrs O'Callaghan |
| Wednesday | Homework with Mrs Eastham |
| Thursday | Young Writers with Mrs Darlington |
| Friday | Creative with Ms Whitehouse |

We also have the School and Playground Council. In addition, Miss Blower and Mrs Benarous are running a Reading Buddy scheme three times a week.

Diary Dates

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| Wed 19 th Nov | Year 6 trip to Sikh Gurdwara and Hindu Mandir, Leamington Spa |
| Thu 20 th Nov | pm Reception, Year 1 & 2 to Children's Concert, St Nicholas' Church <i>Note: The children will be leaving the church at 3.00pm, so will arrive back at school a little late at approx 3.30pm</i> |
| Fri 28 th Nov | PTA Non-Uniform Day (in return for chocolate donations for the Kenilworth Lights Switch-On) am Reception trip to Brook Farm |
| Thu 4 th – Sun 7 th Dec | Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas' Church <i>Voting: Thu 4th 2.00-4.30pm / Fri 5th 2.00-8.00pm / Sat 6th 10.00am-4.30pm</i> |
| Fri 5 th Dec | 3.30-4.30pm PTA Winter Fair (Hall) |
| Wed 10 th Dec | PTA Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Disco 3.15-4.00pm KS1 / 4.00-5.00pm KS2 |
| Fri 12 th Dec | Whole-school Christmas lunch |
| Mon 15 th Dec | am Nursery Christmas singalong |
| Tue 16 th Dec | pm / eve Whole-school Christmas concert |
| Wed 17 th Dec | am Whole-school Christmas concert |
| Thu 18 th Dec | 3.15pm Break up for Christmas |
| Fri 19 th Dec | INSET day |
| Tue 6 th Jan 2015 | Back to school |

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies take place on Wednesdays at 9.00am. Each class's parents and carers are welcome to attend.

We all enjoyed Mrs Benarous' informative assembly on the Greeks today. Thank you, 5B.

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| 14th Jan | 4P |
| 4th Feb | 3OM |
| 11th Mar | 3T |
| 22nd Apr | 2B |
| 6th May | 2H |
| 17th Jun | 1D |
| 1st Jul | RF/RG |

Spare Clothes

We have a supply of spare uniform and underwear in school for those occasions when children might need a change of clothes. Sadly, our spare clothes pile is looking a little depleted at the moment. If your child does come home with any spare clothes, could we ask that you return them to school as soon as you can please? If you happen to have any uniform or underwear that your children have outgrown that you think could be useful as spares, we will find them a good home. Any donations of PE kits, trousers, skirts, pants, socks and tights are always appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Another Volunteer Plea!

Hopefully, Warwick University are going to kindly supply us with some volunteers in the future. Thank you to Niamh and Euan's mum for helping us with this.

We do have a more immediate need with our vegetable patches that are looking very overgrown! If any of you can spare any time to help us clear them, ready for the next batch of planting, please let me or the office know. Tea and biscuits provided!

School Photographs

Thank you all for your positive comments and support with our school photos this year. We have ironed out any teething problems and all siblings should now have had their photos taken. It was really nice for parents to see the shot and make any last minute adjustments to hair! To clarify, **next year all sibling photos will be taken in the morning before school and not during the school day.**

I hope you like the new-look group and individual photos, which will be coming to you just in time for Christmas.

Christmas Concert

I am very pleased to announce that Miss Blower and Mrs Benarous are busy preparing for this year's whole-school Christmas Concert.

We are very much looking forward to each class having their moment on the stage performing a Christmas song. This will be linked by some narration and will certainly get us all in the mood for Christmas!

We will be performing on three occasions, as outlined in the diary dates above. The only exception is Nursery, who will be having their own event in their setting.

PTA News and Events

Friday 28th November – Non-Uniform Day

Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola Stall at Kenilworth Lights Switch-On. All chocolate advent calendars, selection boxes, boxes of chocolates and any other chocolate items gratefully received.

Friday 5th December – Winter Fair

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Lots of stalls, children's performances, mulled wine and other refreshments plus Father Christmas.

Please note that the date of the Winter Fair was incorrectly listed as 12th December in the last newsletter.

Wednesday 10th December – Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Disco

3.15pm – 4.00pm KS1

4.00pm – 5.00pm KS2

£1 non-uniform and £1 entrance to disco

Central Warwickshire Sports Partnership - Multi-Activity Day at Campion School

Monday 5th January 2015

9.30am - 3.00pm

Cost: £10

25% discount for siblings

Open to children currently in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

To include choices from the following:

Fitness (using gym equipment) / Football

Indoor Rounders / Dodgeball

Hockey... and many others

To book, please e-mail:

sportspartnership@campion.warwickshire.sch.uk

Missing Coat

James in Year 3 has lost his coat. The age 6/7 coat, which is from Gap, has his name in it and is black with a bright red lining. Please check to make sure that it hasn't inadvertently come home with you!

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Sadly, we have said goodbye to Mrs Whittington, one of our long-standing Midday Supervisors. We now have a vacancy to fill. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

PS: Please don't forget to respond to Mrs Benarous' residential visit survey (Years 3, 4 and 5).

******* Your Views Count! *******