



Newsletter – Friday 24th November 2017

Dates for the Diary

24th Nov – Celebration Assembly

27th Nov – Flu Vaccinations 10:30

4th Dec – Nativity 2:00

4th Dec – Secrets Room

5th Dec – Yr 5 making mince pies

6th Dec – Panto Trip

6th Dec – Parish Hall Christmas Lunch

8th Dec – Celebration Assembly

8th Dec – Theatre Alibi – Yr 6 only

8th Dec – Christmas Lights Switch On 4:30

11th Dec – Year 6s back for rehearsal till 12.00

12th Dec – Christmas Crafts morning (Yr 6 here)

12th Dec – Dress Rehearsal for Carol Concert PM

- those who cannot attend evening are welcome

12th Dec – Christmas Carol Concert 18:00

followed by PTFA Christmas Raffle 19:00

15th Dec – Christmas lunch (see below)

15th Dec – Christmas jumper day and party

15th Dec – Break up for Christmas!

2nd Jan – Non-pupil day

3rd Jan – Children back to school

8th Jan – PTFA meeting

3rd Feb 2018 – Jumble Sale, Witheridge Parish Hall, 2pm

5th Feb 2018 – Bag2School Collection

Our Learning

Oaks

We have been learning about mummification and the children have mummified a tomato this week. In maths we have moved onto multiplication and division. Therefore the children will have a blank times table grid to complete each night to reinforce their knowledge of times tables. We have started to recreate the story of Dick Whittington through poetry and different types of verse, including limericks, haikus and acrostic poems.

Acorns

Our Christmas rehearsals are now in full swing, with one week to go! Thank you for the costumes already sent into school and thank you also for helping the children to learn their lines. In maths

we are focusing on subtraction this week and next. We have an assessment week coming up WB 4th December where we will be seeing the progress the children have made this term.

Children in Need

Thank you to the children and parents for making Children in Need a great day. **£69.40 was raised and is making its way to the charity.** The children thoroughly enjoyed the cakes at the end of the day. A big thank you to Linda for helping sell the duck names and organising the cake sale for us. The winners of 'Name the Duck' were Lucas and Molly - congratulations!



Nativity

Quick reminder to keep learning your lines Reception - Year 3 children and the songs. The children should know the tunes, fingers crossed. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th December at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Mrs Pugsley does have a few spare tickets if you would like them - the original tickets were attached to the letter sent home on Monday along with the scripts.

ECO Club

We have successfully set up an ECO Club and elected committee members. Kerry (Chair), Jess (Secretary), George M (Spokes Person), Percy, Grace, Isabella and Nancy elected Mr Pullen onto the ECO committee and we completed an audit of the school environment and recycling. Our findings conclude we are now recycling paper well in the school and we had a good first week recycling plastic. This is our focus over the next few weeks as this week we had very little in the box. We will also be investigating the cost of

some bins for outside, as well as contacting the council for some food caddies.

Welly Boots

Please can we ask that all children have a change of shoes for playtime, this could be boots or trainers depending on their interests.

After School Clubs

Please note that all clubs will be coming to an end the week ending Friday 8th December. Information about next term's clubs to follow in the last newsletter before Christmas!

Panto Trip

We will be leaving school at 9.00 and so will need the children to arrive by 8.45 please for register. Due to the time that we will be returning we will need parents to provide a packed lunch. If you would like a school one which children with free school meals can have free of charge, please order by the end of next week in the office.

Christmas Lunch Menu

Please see the attached menu. Orders need to be given to the office no later than the 6th December. **(No orders will be taken after this date)**



Christmas Lunch Menu
Friday 15th December

Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes,
Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing, Peas,
Carrots & Gravy

Vegetarian Christmas Loaf, Roast
Potatoes, Peas, Carrots & Gravy

A choice of Christmas Pudding,
Chocolate Yule Log or Glittery
Rocky Road

£2.75
(This includes a Cracker and a
Drink)

PLEASE ORDER BY
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Absence/Doctor & medical appointments

As previously mentioned, it is important that children maintain good attendance because it has a

direct impact on their education. As such the Education Welfare Officer requires that if a child has had 20 days off in a year they must provide evidence from a doctor of all absence from then onwards. We will inform parents if their child has had 10 days absence as well as letting them know if attendance falls below 90%. We always appreciate that there are sometimes circumstances beyond our control so please keep us informed if you have an issue around attendance or illness.

Christmas Lights Switch On

I have been invited to turn on the village Christmas Lights this year as head of school. The switch on will be at 4.30 as it is getting dark. This is after fencing club. The parish hall committee will provide mince pies and tea or coffee in the hall from 3.30, all are invited to come and listen to some Christmas songs sung by the children from both classes.

Secrets Room

The secrets room will be run by Pauline, Rosemarie and Susan, thank you in advance for doing this. This is a lovely treat for parents as it is something that is a total surprise. Thank you to Linda, Mike and Nina for doing the purchasing of the gifts.

Operation Encompass

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon & Cornwall Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools (prior to the start of the next school day) when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a key adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence. This ensures that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident. Our key adult at East Worlington is Mrs Pinn. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be taking place on Monday morning for the children who have handed in their completed consent forms.

Music Lessons

Music lessons for most children have now finished. There will be makeup lessons for those who have missed one next week. They will restart on the 11th of January.

Volunteers

Please, please can we have additional volunteers for listening to reading for either Oaks or Acorns. We have a few dedicated volunteers who are doing an amazing job but one or two additional parents even if you can only give an hour would be really appreciated.

If there is anyone who could give some time to the year 6 academy children please contact either Mrs Pinn or Mrs Newman.

Congratulations to Matilda on passing her Stage 1 swimming.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to George and Damion who have birthdays coming up in the next few weeks. We hope you have a lovely day.

PTFA NEWS

Raffle Tickets

Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your ticket stubs and cash to Ruth. The date for them all to be returned is 1st December, please hand to Alison, Ruth or Chanelle. Many thanks.

Raffle Prizes

If anyone is still to donate to the Christmas Class Hampers or indeed to the raffle could you please hand to Alison as soon as possible. Many thanks for all the kind gifts already donated.

59 Club

Not a single winner! We have had 4 roll overs so the funds have been added to the PTFA account and we start again Good luck this week everyone!

Easyfundraising Top Supporters

1. Lindsey H.
2. Elizabeth H.
3. Donna W.
4. Carolyn G.
5. A.K.

Could your name be on the list soon? £38 has been raised in the last 30 days – Happy Christmas shopping everyone!

Spare Uniform

We currently have several pieces of spare school uniform from our supplier School Trends. We are now offering these for sale at a 10% discount. Items will be sold on a first come, first served basis and the stock will not be replenished. Please see Hayley in the office if you are interested in any items. Thank you.



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- Universal Credit

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PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY IS A **CURRENT** OR **PAST** MEMBER OF **THE ARMED FORCES**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING** if a parent has served any time in the last 6 years, or is in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN **ADOPTED CHILD**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING** if your child is adopted, or has been under local authority care.

If you have any queries, please speak to the admin staff at your school.

Any information shared will be treated confidentially.