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Newsletter
24th November 2015

Thought for the day: *'Too often we give our children answers to remember rather than problems to solve'* ~ Roger Lewin.

Christmas Newsletter

With this newsletter, you should find our Christmas newsletter containing details of all our Christmas events.

Christmas Fayre, this Friday, from 3-5pm

The Christmas Fayre is this Friday, 27th November, from 3-5pm. There will be games, crafts, refreshments and Christmas gift stalls, as well as a special children only shop, with lots of presents for mums and dads, all accompanied by Christmas music to get you in the festive spirit. Bookings for Santa's Grotto are being taken now in the school office. Santa's Grotto is £2 per child and includes a present. Please reserve your preferred time or come along on the day. Spaces are limited.

Please look out for special Christmas decorations in book bags this week. Children can colour, stick, paint and embellish them any way they like and bring them to hang on the tree at the Christmas Fayre, where there will be a Christmas decoration competition, with a prize for the best decoration in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Key Stage 2 Children WANTED! The more the Merrier! Please could we have as many Key Stage 2 children as possible attending the Christmas Fair, as they will be singing some Christmas carols to liven up festivities. Thank you for your support.



Wear a Christmas Jumper Day, this Friday

The day of our PSA Christmas Fayre, Friday 27th November, will be a non-uniform day. So, in return for a donation for our bottle tombola*, pupils can come to school that day wearing a Christmas jumper! The staff might be persuaded to do so, too!

*All types of bottles are welcome as donations, alcoholic and otherwise.

Children get ready for Christmas productions

Rehearsals for the Christmas productions are in full swing at the moment.

Next week, tickets will go on sale at the school office for those that wish to attend. The number of pupils in school has increased to a point where it is not possible to have the whole school on the stage at the same time, so please note that, like last year, the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will have separate performances from Key Stage 2. There will be a small charge for attendance at these performances - 50p for children of primary school age and £2.00 for everyone else. A raffle will be drawn for a Christmas hamper at the final evening performance. Tickets for this hamper raffle, which cost £1.00 per strip, will be available at all performances and will also be on sale in the school office.

Monday 14th December, 1:30pm and 6.30pm, Nursery to Year 2.

Tuesday 15th December, 1:30pm and 6.30pm, Years 3 to 6

Christmas lunch

Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 9th December. Mrs Arnold needs to order supplies early and, to do this, she needs to have an idea of lunch numbers in advance. Please note that there will be only two options on that day, a Christmas lunch (Red band) and a vegetarian option (Green band). It will be assumed that all pupils will have the Christmas lunch, unless you inform us otherwise. Please advise the school office, as soon as possible, if you would like your child to have the vegetarian option (Quorn fillet) or a home packed lunch.

If your child does not normally eat school lunches, but you would like them to have Christmas lunch, it will be fine for them to order on the day. However, if they have an allergy or intolerance to any foods, please contact the school office immediately. You will need to complete a form, giving details of the allergy or intolerance, to ascertain whether a modified meal can be provided for them. This will need to be completed by this Friday.

Important clubs information

No Clubs are on this Friday, due to the Christmas Fayre taking place. Also, due to the increasingly poor autumn light, this Thursday will be the very last day for all sports clubs. Gardening Club and Art Club will also have their last session for this term on Thursday. Other clubs not on this week are Pumas and Cross Stitch, although both of these will be back on again next week, as is choir, which is on this week and unaffected. Friday 11th December will be the very last day for all the remaining clubs.

Sport for Schools

Many thanks to everyone for taking part in our sponsored event, and for returning any sponsorship money so promptly. The office staff have been busily totalling up all sponsorship money raised and, as soon as we have finalised this total, we will be in a position to distribute wristbands and posters to those who have exceeded £5, £15 or £30 in their sponsorship. We will let you know how much we have raised as soon as we have that final figure.

Inter-school fixtures

Purwell teams have recently met with St Christopher's School in a range of sporting contests. We have taken football and hockey teams to Letchworth and they, in turn, brought their chess team to Purwell. Many goals were shared in the hockey and football matches, with St. Christopher ultimately proving victorious in each of these fixtures. In the chess match, however, it was a different story, as Purwell players continued their impressive form, earning a magnificent 4-4 draw, thanks to a thrilling victory on the final board. It is worth a special mention that this was the first occasion that all Purwell players have won at least one game each during a school match and so congratulations should go to Dominik, Snorri, Kotya and Leo for their tremendous efforts.

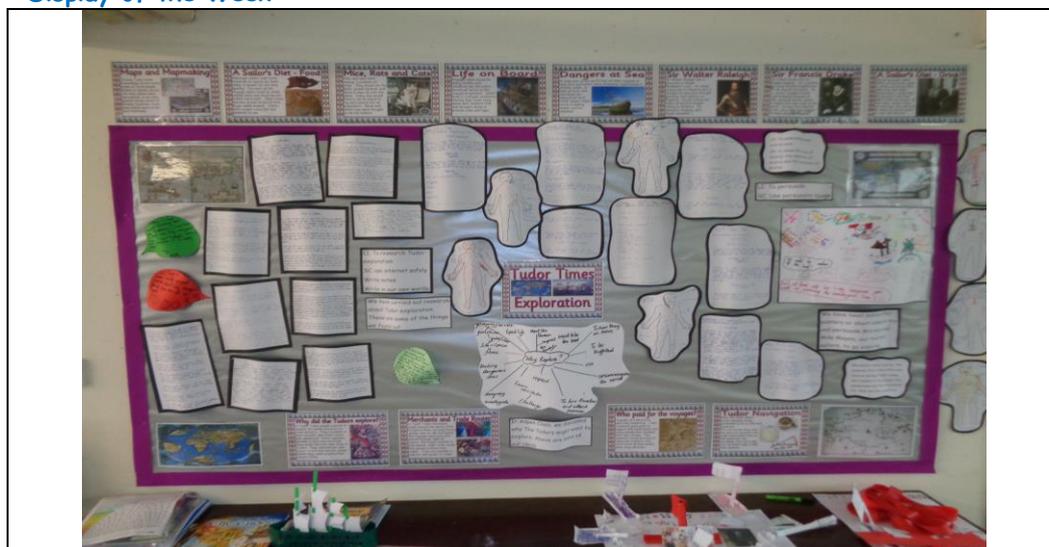
Our school netball team was also in action, at home, last Tuesday against St. Andrews. Despite the best efforts of Storm Barney, a high quality match was played out with goals for both sides, although it was St. Andrews who edged the final score, 4-2.

Congratulations to all the pupils who have participated in these fixtures and our sincere thanks to all of those parents who have helped transport the team to these fixtures. Without your help, we would not be able to participate in such wide and varied activities.

Midday Supervisor - Recruiting

The school needs to recruit midday supervisors to work anything from one to five days per week. The hours are 11.55 a.m. to 1.05 p.m. Duties include supervising pupils in the dining room and on the playground. The rate of pay is £7.05 per hour. Why not think about joining our friendly lunchtime team?

Display of the Week



Examples of wonderful cross-curricular work from Aspen Class pupils, all based around their topic of 'Explorers'.