

Lower School Newsletter December 2016

Christmas Performances:

Due to popular demand and the confines of space, Key Stage 1's performance of 'Baubles' will take place in the **Lower School Hall** at 9.30am on Wednesday 7th December 2016, and 2pm on Thursday 8th December 2016. This year we will also have a guest appearance from some of our friends in our Nursery Kindergarten. Parents can gain access to the hall from 9.00am on the 7th and 1.40pm on the 8th. Refreshments will be served prior to the performances starting.

Key Stage 2's performance of 'The Primary School Christmas Musical' will take place in the **Upper School Hall** at 2.00pm on Friday 9th December 2016. Parents can gain access to the hall via the upper School reception from 1.40pm. Refreshments will be served prior to the performance starting.

Please fill in the proforma which will be sent to you so we know how many visitors to expect.

Raffle:

The children will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for our School's chosen charity, St Joseph's Home for the Elderly. There will be a children's raffle, and tickets can be purchased at 25p each, or £1 a strip. The winning tickets will be drawn during assembly on Tuesday 13th December 2016.

The children will also be selling tickets for the Adults Raffle at the Christmas performances and Progress Awards Assembly. We will draw the winning tickets during the Progress Awards Assembly on Tuesday 13th December 2016.

Progress Awards Assembly:

The termly Progress Awards Assembly will be held at 9am on Tuesday 13th December 2016. Awards will be presented for:

- Maths
- Reading
- Writing
- Best Effort Award
- Most Creative Award
- ACE Award

The children will also entertain you with a selection of Christmas carols and songs. As this is an extremely popular event, we would ask that you complete the proforma which will be sent to you shortly, so we know how many visitors to expect.

Church Service:

Lower School will be attending the Whole School End of Term Service at St George's Church, 11.00am – 12pm on Wednesday 14th December 2016. Lower School pupils will be singing some of the carols and Christmas songs they have been practicing in school. Our Sixth Formers will be serving coffee and mince pies for all attendees between 10.30am – 11am. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible what is always lovely festive celebration.

Dates For Diary:

Tuesday 1st December: Reception and Year 1 Puppet Show.

Tuesday 1st December: E-Safety The Right Click Workshop 4.00pm – 5.00pm.

Tuesday 6th December: Years 2 – 6 Pantomime trip to see 'Beauty And The Beast'.

Wednesday 7th December: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Performance at 9.30am

Wednesday 7th December: Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 7th December: KS1 and KS2 Drama Club Performance 4.00pm – 5.00pm including Festive Stalls!!

Thursday 8th December: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Performance at 2.00pm.

Friday 9th December: Key Stage 2 Performance 'Primary School Musical' at 2.00pm in the Upper School.

Monday 12th December: Reception and Year 1 trip to Ash End Farm to see Father Christmas.

Tuesday 13th December: Academic Awards Assembly at 9.00am.

Tuesday 13th December: Christmas Party Time!!

Wednesday 14th December: Church Service at St George's Church. School finishes for Christmas at 12.15pm.

The Trustees and Staff at St George's School would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, and a very Happy New Year.

School re-opens on Thursday 5th January 2017!

Christmas Party:

We will be holding the children's Christmas Party on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th December. Pupils may wear their party clothes for the day, but please remember warm coats, hats and gloves, as they will be outside at break and lunchtime. Santa will be visiting each class during the party, and he is very kindly bringing a present for every child! As always we rely on parent contributions for food and drinks. A letter will be sent home to you next week detailing how you can support.

Christmas Post Box:

The Christmas Post Box is now in service! Children can post their cards on arrival to school, and student volunteers will sort and deliver the cards on a daily basis. If you would like a class list please contact Mrs Dodd or Mrs Mortiboys in Reception. Please remind your child to add a surname and class when addressing the envelope as we have duplicated first names throughout the school.

Illness:

May I remind you that if your child has been sick during the night or early morning, we would ask you to keep them at home for at least 48 hours. This is in line with Government Guidance on Infection Control. This term we have had a lot of unwell children sent to school, and this unfortunately leads to stomach bugs spreading throughout their class. Please be considerate to everyone at this time of the year.

Fundraising:

We have had another successful term for supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. We have sent donations to:

- Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity: £90
- Fireside Centre for the Homeless: £100
- St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly: £100
- Children in Need £450

Totalling a fantastic £673!

As always we would like to thank the pupils, parents and staff for their continued generosity.

Bad Weather Procedures:

A letter was sent home on November 21st detailing the school procedures for alerting parents as to closures in times of poor weather conditions. This letter is stored on the website under the 'Letters and Newsletters' header. Spare copies can also be obtained from the Lower School office.

After School Care and Clubs:

After Care will be available from Thursday 5th January 2017, however after school clubs will not resume until Monday 9th January 2017. Information packs regarding after school activities will be sent home for you to fill in and complete over the weekend. Please return your completed forms to Mrs Dodd or Mrs Mortiboys on Reception as soon as possible. Please note Club's are on a first come, first served basis for your children.