

December Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents and Carers, it's hard to believe we are nearly at the end of the term! As the weather gets colder please make sure you send children into school in warm clothes as we will still be going outside. Please label gloves, hats and scarves as these are easily mislaid. Please join us to celebrate Christmas at our party on Thursday 15th December. There will be singing and a visit from Father Christmas.

Liz Jenkins
Headteacher



Fundraising

Toy Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated /bought a toy on Friday 18th November. We raised £142.94 for Children in Need!



Cake/Samosa Sale

A big thank you to all parents/carers who helped with the cake sale last week and to those who brought in cakes – we raised £132.82!



Our next Cake Sale is on Wednesday 7th December – please bring cake/samosa donations with an allergens list. You can collect an allergen form from reception.

We are also holding a Raffle at our Christmas Party on the 15th December. We would be grateful for any donations for this.



Early Closure

School closes for the Christmas break at 12.00 noon on Friday 16th December. There will be **no afternoon session** on that day. All children need to be collected at 11.45am. Term starts in 2017 on Wednesday 4th January.

A credit adjustment will be made on February invoices for those families who buy in Friday afternoons to negate the overcharge on the December invoices as they are done a month in advance.

December/January invoices

- December invoices are due for payment on Thursday 1st December.
- January 2017 invoices have been processed and are available from the school office this week – any uncollected invoices will be posted this Friday.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th December = Cake/Samosa Sale
Thursday 15th December = Christmas party/raffle
Friday 16th December = Last day of term (early closure 11.45pm)
Monday 2nd January = Bank Holiday, whole school closed.
Tuesday 3rd January = Staff Training, whole school closed.
Wednesday 4th January = Start of Term 3.

Dates to meet your child's teacher

Wednesday 30th November – Orange Room parent consultations.
Wednesday 7th December – Blue Room parent consultations.
Thursday 8th December – Yellow Room parent consultations.
Friday 9th December – Green Room parent consultations.

Please see classrooms for details on how to book a slot for your child's consultation



Open Day

We held a very successful Open Day on Tuesday 8th November for parents to find out more about our local primary schools. St. Werburgh's, St. Barnabas, Cabot and Millpond Primary staff and students all came along. **If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you need to apply for a Primary School place by 15th January 2017. You can still ring schools to ask if you can visit to find out more.**



Save state-funded Nursery Schools

MPS put pressure on Government to protect Nursery Schools

A cross-party group of MPs is calling on the Government to safeguard the future of maintained nursery schools. Twenty-two MPs have written to the early years minister to air their concerns about the impact of changes to the early years funding formula on maintained nursery schools and nursery classes. Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat MPs called for support to ensure the sustainability of maintained nursery schools ahead of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement and the Government's response to the funding consultation. The letter was co-ordinated by Lucy Powell, chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nursery Schools and Nursery Classes. She said, 'MPs on all sides are coming together to shout from the rooftops about the fantastic record of maintained nursery schools in reducing disadvantage and tackling the developmental gap between poorer children and their peers'. <http://bit.ly/2gkmmKH>

'Save State Nursery Schools' petition urges funding rethink

Nursery school campaigners are calling for sector-wide backing and a government rethink on funding reforms after their online petition tipped the 14,00 mark in just over a fortnight. The Save State Nursery Schools petition was launched amid fears the Government is risking the future of more than 400 state-funded settings with cuts under the new Early Years National Funding Formula. Claims are also mounting that under the regime, nursery schools will no longer be able to afford to employ qualified teachers, with direct adverse consequences for social inclusion and equality, teacher training, professional expertise, and workforce quality across all types of setting, including PVI's. If the number of signatories hits the 100,000 mark, then the topic could be debated by Parliament, and key campaigner Felicity Higginson, a teacher at Homerton Early Years Centre in Cambridge, said, 'We want 100,00 signatures.' She added, 'I'm anticipating a U-turn. That's what I'm hoping for and I believe we'll get it.' <http://bit.ly/2gCqKs1>

Governors

The Governors in school have been busy attending training. Two new governors have just joined the governing board taking our total to twelve. Governors have been in school supporting the fundraising and working closely with staff.

Staff News

We will be saying goodbye to a teacher in Yellow Room at the end of this term. Victoria will be joining Hareclive Academy as a Reception teacher. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for her hard work and dedication at St. Werburgh's.



Replacing her will be Katie Adje who has a lot of early years experience and expertise.

Also a big congratulation to Elizabeth from Blue/Purple Room who recently got married!

Illnesses

So that we can reduce infections and illnesses for everyone at school, if your child is unwell please can you keep them at home until they are completely recovered. Please contact us in the morning on the first day of any absence to let us know if your child is unwell.

Reminder

Please can all parents/carers be aware that there should be no cycling on the pavements outside of the school. Small children can easily be knocked over.

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