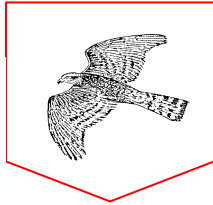


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Friday 25th November

Dear All,

As you know this weekend the school PTFA are hosting our annual Winter Fair. The Winter Fair is held in the Community Centre and will open at 1:30pm - 4pm . Please do come along, there will be plenty of things to keep you busy from stalls with games (try the Santa Nerf Gun Challenge or pick the snowman's nose!!), stalls you can start your Christmas shopping at, make your own reindeer food, have a dance at the Silent Disco, treat yourself to some refreshments and of course a visit to see Santa and lots, lots more! The money raised from the PTFA events have previously been used to take all the children to the pantomime in December. We cannot afford to fund this each year but hopefully events this year will contribute to a possible trip next year! So please spend generously!

Thank you to the many parents who donated items for the tombola this morning - it is much appreciated!

Next week sees us move into December (!!) post boxes for Christmas cards will be available from Wednesday 13th December? Please support us by keeping Christmas cards at home until then. We have a few busy weeks leading up to that - with the nativity to perform, various landing pads and an 'assessment week' too!

On the reverse of today's newsletter is another Science at home experiment to try! This week Miss Sotiriou led a staff meeting for the teachers about science and we all tried this experiment. It was great fun! We would certainly recommend it to you!

There has been some information in the news this week about children being able to access clips on Youtube which at first appear to be children's cartoons but then once children start watching them take a sinister turn. Rather than sending any information out to you via a letter (we don't want children to become curious and try and access it themselves) over the weekend on the school website newsletter page we will add a parents fact sheet about keeping safe on Youtube. Please look out for it over the weekend - it details a variety of safety options you can use if your child does use Youtube.

We hope to see you at the Winter Fair on Saturday. There are still tickets available for Breakfast with Santa which will be on sale before and after school each day this week.

Have a good weekend,

Diary Dates – Term 2

25th – Winter Fair

December

1st – Coping With Christmas workshop (details to follow)

9th Christmas Craft Morning – details to follow

10th - Breakfast with Santa (PTFA)]

12th – Y56 Landing Pad Assembly (2:15pm)

13th – Y34 Landing Pad Assembly (2:15pm)

15th – Y1/ 2 + Reception Nativity (9:30- Community Centre)

18th - Christmas Gift Day

19th – Christmas Lunch

4th January – Back to School

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:30 a day if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

School meals will be served from week 3 next week.

The new menu is available on the school website

Go to About Us – Documents

Attendance of the week Uluru Class, Eiffel Tower Class and Great Barrier Reef class have all attained 100% !

Spectacular Science at Home

You will need a clear drinking cup, water, food colouring, vegetable oil and salt.

Fill the glass about $\frac{3}{4}$ full of water, add 5 drops of food colouring, red looks good! Slowly pour the vegetable oil into the glass, it should float on top! Sprinkle salt on top of the oil and watch the blobs of lava move up and down in your glass! Add more salt to keep the effect going!

See if you can work out what is going on!

Don't forget to bring any photos of you doing the experiment to Miss Sotiriou!

Attendance / holidays

Please do remember that we are not in a position to be able to authorise holidays for children during school time. If there is a reason your son / daughter needs time out of school for an **exceptional circumstance** please complete the exceptional circumstance form that can be found in the school office or on the school website – About Us / Policy link / Attendance Policy.

Children In Need

Thank you for all the money donated last Friday. We raised a total of £285! Thank you!



Internet Safety Tips

Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet

Helping your child to cope with Christmas



Christmas – tis the season to be jolly!

Do you dread the advent of Christmas and the ensuing chaos caused by your child's responses to timetable changes, Christmas plays and parties; unexpected visitors, long holidays and the sensory over load from the sounds, smells and sights of the Christmas period?

If so come along to what promises to be a fun, practical and informal workshop on

December 1st 1:40-3pm

led by Niki Green & Aneeka Tappenden. They will share with you a range of ideas, strategies and resources which aim to restore some order and calm to the holiday season!

Just complete the section below and return to Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien

I would like to attend the workshop on Dec 1st

Name of attendee

Name of child

