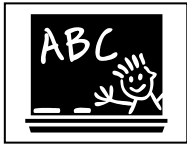


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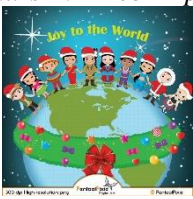


16th November 2018

Christmas Bumper Edition!

You may not want me to remind you that it's only 39 days 'til Christmas! But, it is! – so we thought it might be useful to pull together a bumper Newsletter which contains all of the information to help people who have fairly hectic social lives leading up to Christmas, or work schedules that are so tight you don't have time to breathe!

We've sent a paper copy of the diary dates because we thought it might be easier to pop it on the fridge / notice board / front door as a reminder for the next few weeks. **Please can we emphasise that deadlines have been set for a reason and there will be no extensions available.** The electronic version of the Newsletter contains all articles.

Diary Date	Activity
<p>Wed 21st Nov – 9am</p> 	<p>Parent Forum</p> <p>We have a few more parents who have volunteered to join us, but do come along if you are available. Parent Forum Meetings are a great opportunity to find out a little bit more about what is happening in school and to discuss any changes that may be in the pipeline. We also really value the opportunity to find out about the parental perspective on events. If you feel you could spare an hour of your time, once a term, then we would really appreciate it.</p>
<p>Wed 21st Nov – 3:45 – 4:45</p> 	<p>Y3 Reading Café</p> <p>This can be booked by logging on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code qek5r. Siblings are welcome, but please let us know you're coming so we bring enough refreshments. These are a great opportunity to find out a little more about how reading is taught at the Junior School and some helpful hints for supporting your child at home.</p>
<p>Mon 26th Nov – 9am</p> 	<p>Advent Assembly for the children</p> <p>Rev. Andrew will be visiting us to talk about Advent. He will give out advent calendars to each class and a book of the Christmas story which can be shared throughout advent.</p>
<p>Sunday 2nd Dec – 6pm</p> 	<p>Christingle Service at St. James' Church</p> <p>Everyone is invited to this family friendly service at the church. A lovely way to celebrate the beginning of advent and get into a Christmassy mood with some lovely singing.</p>
<p>Tues 4th Dec</p> 	<p>Fluenz Vaccination</p> <p>These will take place in school during the morning for children in Y3, 4 and 5. Please ensure your permission slip has been returned by Monday 19th November in order that we can ensure enough vaccines are brought to school.</p>
<p>Thurs 6th Dec – 10am</p> 	<p>Helping Hands Coffee Morning</p> <p>with Mrs Kerr-Delworth and Mrs Windsor.</p> <p>An introduction to Mindfulness and some helpful techniques to use with children to encourage time to stop, breathe and think.</p> <p>Book your place by e-mailing questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk or phone or pop in to the office to let us know you'll be there.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fri 7th Dec</i></p> 	<p>Christmas Disco <i>Tickets cost £5 and include hot dog, drink and sweets. Lower School – 4:30 – 6:00. Upper School 6:00 – 7:30</i> Closing date is 29th Nov. Tickets will be issued on 30th Nov and must be handed in on entry to the disco. There will be no late entries and no tickets available on the night so it is essential you have purchased a ticket by the deadline if your child wants to attend.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sun 9th Dec – 2pm</i></p> 	<p>Mayor's Charity Concert at Burton Town Hall Choir will be performing. Parents who have returned permission slips know who is involved in this. Any other families would be welcome to attend in the audience.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thurs 13th Dec am & pm</i></p> 	<p>Y4 Christmas Experience at St. James' Church Each class will visit the church to take part in a number of workshops and find out about all different aspects of Christmas. If there are any parents willing to accompany us on the visit we would be most grateful.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fri 14th Dec – 7:30pm</i></p> 	<p>Choir performance at Lichfield Cathedral Permission slips have already been returned from those children involved. There is no Choir on this day, but performers may arrive back at school after 3:30 from the rehearsal.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wed 19th Dec</i></p> 	<p>Christmas Dinner Day We will be having our festive Christmas Dinner in school on this day following a traditional menu. Vegetarian, gluten and dairy free options are all available – please inform us of any dietary requirements if you have not already done so. If you would like your child to be included, but they normally have sandwiches, please pay £2.31 via ParentPay by Monday 10th December.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thurs 20th Dec – 2pm</i></p> 	<p>Christmas Around the World Whole School Carol Concert at St. James' Church – 2pm. Children are able to go home with parents or carers when the service finishes. There will be time to get to the Infants School after the service. Children not collected will be walked back to school. Night Owls will be on, but is likely to be very quiet.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fri 21st Dec</i></p> 	<p>Red Carpet Cinema Trip to see Mary Poppins 2 which is released on this day. Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas Jumpers, as part on a non-uniform day and must have a coat and sensible shoes for the walk over to the cinema and back. We are asking for a contribution of £2 towards the cost of the trip if you wish your child to attend. Those not wishing to attend will be supervised in school. Deadline to sign up for your place is Friday 14th December. Autumn Term Reports to parents will come home on the last day of term. There will be no Night Owls and no Choir.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tues 8th Jan</i></p> 	<p>Back to School Children return to school after the Christmas break.</p>



Thank you very much for your support of our non-uniform days this week. We have been really pleased to be able to support World Diabetes Day and Children in Need.

Congratulations to Immy, Morgan and George who through the non-uniform day and their cake and sweet stall managed to raise £294.60! This is a brilliant achievement!

Our Children in Need day raised a brilliant £252.60 as well. Thanks again for your generous support.

Parent Governor Nomination

We have two vacancies for Parent Governors on the Governing Board at Thomas Russell Junior School. We do hope you have had opportunity to consider this role and are interested in supporting us further. For more information about the GB, you can visit the school website

www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk and go to: [About Our School > Meet the Governors](#)

A copy of the Nomination Form can be found in the Newsletters section of the website, or collected from the office. The deadline for nominations is Monday 3rd December.

Transition Questionnaires

Thank you to those people who have already returned their Transition Questionnaires to us. They are already providing some really useful feedback and the more we receive, the clearer picture we can obtain on what works well and what else we can do to improve provision. Thank you.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe