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OJS News

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Hello and welcome back after what we hope was a restful half term. To start the Christmas term off children were treated last week to a pantomime performance of Cinderella from a travelling theatre company. On December 13 children will have the opportunity to attend another theatre performance to see Alice In Wonderland.

Christmas half term (or Autumn 2) is always a busy time of year. Children have made Christmas card templates which you will have had the opportunity to view and purchase. Children also had their individual photo's taken, we hope you are as pleased with them as we are. Class photos are booked for later in the academic year.

Parents' evenings took place this week, we hope you found the experience valuable and enjoyable and took the opportunity to explore your child's life in school.

Shoebox appeal

Miss Charlesworth (Class 1 teacher) is organising a shoe box appeal again this year. Children are invited to fill a shoebox with toys, school supplies, hygiene items or other items like hats, scarfs and gloves. The boxes will be given to children in age groups 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and should be for either a boy or a girl. Once their box is filled it should be given to Miss Charlesworth along with £3 to help cover the cost of posting.

Miss Charlesworth has labels to put on the boxes to say what age group they are for and whether they are for a boy or girl.

Boxes need to be returned by Friday 11 November.

Changes to start of school

With effect from Monday 14 November children will be allowed, if they would like to come into school at 8.40am. If children would like to come inside at this time Year 3 and 4 via Year 3 doors and year 5 and 6 via Year 5 doors. Children will be able to go straight to their classroom where they may read, finish off work or quiz. If children wish to stay on the playground until the bell goes at 8.55am that is fine, they will then line up and come into school as they did before.

Flu Immunisation Programme 2016



On Friday 11 November Year 3 children who consented to the free flu vaccinations will receive their vaccination. This is carried out by the City Care Immunisation Team.

If you have not returned your consent form (handed out by the infant school) there is still time to do it, you can return it to our school office.

BBC Children in Need

OJS will be supporting Children in Need again this year, which will be happening on Friday 18 November 2016. 'The Big Spotacular' is the theme this year. Children may come to school in their pj's or onesie or wear spots.

We will be having lots of spotty-themed activities happening throughout the day, including a spotty cake sale. Donations of cakes to the office on Friday morning please—thank you.



Dates for your diary

November

Fri 11 - Yr 3 immunisation programme
Fri 18 - Children in Need Day—spotacular
Sat 19 - Intu Christmas light switch on
Fri 25 - INSET Day
Tues 29 - Choir competition at Intu Derby 11:50am
Wed 30 - Older Persons Event

December

Thurs 1 - Older Persons Event
Fri 2 - Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir
Wed 7 - Christmas Dinner
Thurs 8 - Christmas Fair
Sat 10 - Salvation Army concert at Riverside (ticketed event—see poster on year group doors)
Mon 12 - Year 3 performance (2pm & 6pm)
Tues 13 - Whole school theatre trip (Alice in Wonderland)
Thurs 15 - Year 4 performance (2pm & 6pm)
Fri 16 - Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 19 - Year 5 performance (2pm & 6pm)
Tues 20 - Church 11am—last day of school
Wed 21– Tues 3 Jan - Christmas holidays



January 2017

Wed 4 - First day back to school



Parking



Please can we remind parents/carers about parking on Oak Drive. We have received several complaints about parking at the beginning and particularly at the end of the school day. Residents are finding it increasingly difficult to manoeuvre their vehicles from outside their properties.

Please respect our neighbours outside areas and park with consideration.
Thank you.

School dinners

Please may we remind parents/carers that the governing body have a zero policy towards dinner money debts. All dinners must be paid for either on the day or in advance.

Intu Christmas light switch on

On Saturday 19 November OJS's senior choir have been invited to perform at Intu's Christmas light switch on. If you would like to watch and support them they are expected to be performing between 5 and 6 pm.



Allergies

Please can we ask all parents/carers to be mindful of what goes into their child's lunch box. We have several children in school with peanut allergies. Thank you for your co-operation.



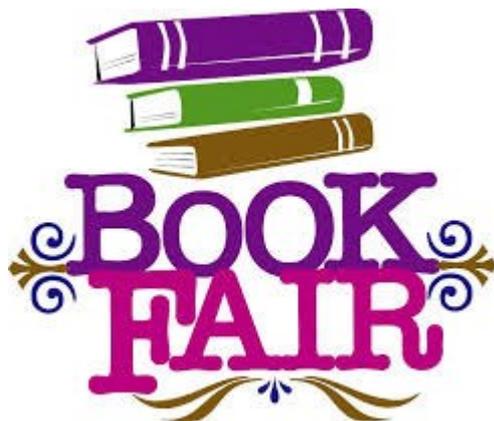
Talking to children on the playground.

If an incident involving children occurs on the playground or on school grounds which you find unacceptable or upsetting please can we ask you to inform a member of staff and NOT approach the child or children involved.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Book Fair

Book fair is in school this week. We hope as many parents as possible were able to visit it over parents evening. Children are able to visit book fair every lunchtime until Tuesday 15 November.



Letters home:

- * Christmas theatre trip for whole school
- * Costume letters Yr3 and Yr5
- * Whitemoor Lakes deposit ltr –yr6
- * Police choir concert— choir only

