

Newsletter

Monday December 18th 2017: Acting Executive Headteacher Mrs G Finch

Don't Miss...

THIS WEEK!

FINAL WEEK OF TERM

19th Dec – EYFS/KS1

Christmas Parties/ KS2 Cube Afternoon

19 Dec - School Closes for Christmas Holidays

Diary

3rd Jan 2018- INSET Day – schools closed

4th Jan 2018- School re-opens

Pupil Mentoring sessions with class teachers (Yr1-6) then Progress Record sent home

9th-12th Jan – Yr 1 Road Safety lessons

9th Jan - YR Road Safety lessons

10th Jan - Swimming 3P/KS2 Skateboarding day/

Governors Meeting (Pupil and Learning Committee)

11th Jan-Yr 3 Athletics Club commences for 5 weeks

12th Jan-Film Club – Frozen finishes at 4.45pm

15th-17th Jan – YR vision and hearing checks

15th Jan –Yr 6 Transition lesson at NWHS/After school clubs commence for 4 weeks/Festival Choir Club commences for 7 weeks

I can't quite believe that I am writing the final newsletter of the Autumn term. The end of term is always a great opportunity to reflect on all the hard work and achievements of the children. It has been wonderful to look through books, chat to staff, observe children in lessons and see the progress they have made in their learning. We have had so many success stories this term of children who have: persevered, demonstrated effort in their learning, have worked cooperatively with their friends, shown respect and tolerance to each other, been courageous in difficult times, and have been honest in their reflection about their work and their actions. As a school community, we hold these values in high regard and they are at the core of everything we do. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and health and happiness for 2018.

Gillian Finch



Pupil Mentoring Programme: Reports for Years 1-6

On the first school day back after the Christmas break, you will receive your child's traffic light report. Once again the children will have all met with their teachers individually to share the reports and talk through the progress they've been making and their targets for the next half term January to February 2018. Well done to all the children who have received a special *congratulations postcard* home too! (At the Junior School they are able to exchange it for a star badge with Mr Read- just bring it in to school to show him)

Car Parking on Park Avenue/ Busy Crossing Areas

I'm sorry to keep on nagging but I have been asked to remind parents not to park inconsiderately on the roads around the school. Please remember that we are a very busy place at the start and end of school with children, toddlers, adults pushing buggies etc. all trying to manoeuvre past one another. Dogs and smokers could remain on the opposite pavement to the school, away from the crossing areas so there is sufficient space for everyone and no-one is inconvenienced Thank you.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, head lice are a persistent problem in school. Please check your child's hair (at least once a week). Wet combing hair with conditioner and a nit comb is an effective treatment when carried out on a regular basis.

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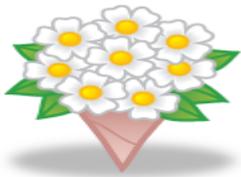
Lost property

We will be arranging displays of lost property this week in both schools. Please check through if necessary and claim your child's belongings. All unclaimed, un-named clothing will be recycled at the end of term.

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Thank You!

A big thank you to all the volunteers and helpers, who give up their time to help us in school. Hearing children read regularly aloud, walking with children to the many events at this time of year, helping out in class and generally being there when we've needed an extra pair of hands. We really appreciate you!



A couple of Christmas jokes to share with the children:

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

The elf-abet!

What says Oh Oh Oh?

Santa walking backwards.

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

A Christmas Quacker!



Christmas Fair

What a brilliant response- we had lots of visitors to the stalls and activities and many excited children got to visit Santa in his grotto. Thank you to everyone involved and to Santa for making a special appearance. All money will go towards the PTA fundraising totals for extra treats and special events for the children next year. At the last count we had raised just short of £1,000.

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Christmas Dinner

A big thank you to all our hard-working kitchen ladies, who made and helped to serve 600 Christmas dinners last week! It was a great occasion with all the teaching staff, dinner staff and office staff, Governors and other special visitors involved as well. Thank you also to the PTAs who provided crackers for everyone. A wonderful time was had by all!

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Pupil Medication

It is again that time of the year when coughs and colds and all manner of viruses, bugs and infections are flying around. I would just like to clarify the situation in both schools, with regards to administering prescription medicines in school: if your child requires medication, then we ask you to first fill in a medical consent form at the school office. We can only administer medicine that has been prescribed by a doctor, which needs to be taken 4 times a day. If it needs to be taken 3 times a day, then please give the doses at breakfast, after school and at bedtime. Unfortunately we cannot administer any 'over the counter' pain relief or medication, unless they are also on the prescription. Under no circumstances should you send medicine to school with a child to take themselves. Thank you. Please make sure your child's asthma inhaler is available in school, if they may need it during the school day.

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The 10 PAGE CHALLENGE is back!

The 10 page Challenge at NWJS returns from the start of the Spring Term (4/1/17). Any child who reads 10 pages at home will write their name on a raffle ticket and be entered into a prize draw. This means that if they read 10 pages every night for 5 nights they will have 5 tickets for that week in the draw. There will be a fabulous prize on offer for the winners of this challenge.

Remember, the more you practise, the better you get!