



We learn to love, we love to learn

25th November 2019

Dear Parents

Thank you for donating boxes of tissues for mufti day which will be most useful over the next months.

The PTA **will not** be holding a Christmas Fair this year and many of you have expressed disappointment as it has been a popular event in the past. They continue to need your help for future events and are in the process of trying to organise a date for an AGM and they will share details shortly.

Christmas festivities

I am delighted to inform you that School will be hosting Santa's Grotto on the day of our Christmas Lunch, on Wednesday, 18th December 2019 and all pupils will have the opportunity to visit the Grotto during school time. This is our special treat for the children and is part of our Christmas lunch celebrations.

Ms White (Molly in Year 6's mum) has kindly volunteered to help us set up the grotto the day before Christmas lunch. If you are able to give up some time to help, kindly leave your name and contact details at the Junior office. We all know children love to visit Santa's grotto and join in the festivities. We are **not charging**, and this is our way of saying thank you to our children and treating them for Christmas. The school has promoted a number of fundraising activities to fund additional learning resources, gifts for the children and other treats over the term. Mr Navarro our School Business manager has taken part in half marathons and donated over £1000 to the school fund, the sale of football tickets, also raised over £1000. We are fortunate to have a committed staff who place children at the heart of our school. Thank you to those of you who have contributed to the school fund. If you have not had the opportunity to, please ask at the school office and they will give you information. The school fund is key to supporting children's learning as all schools are currently experiencing a crisis in government school funding.



Infant Enterprise

The infant school are hosting a Christmas market on Friday, 29th November 2019 at 3.00 p.m in the Infant Hall. This is part of their enterprise project, so please do pop down and support them. We have the 'Book Bus' arriving at our school and will be in the junior car park, also on Friday. Please do visit it and treat your children to a book or two, or perhaps do some early Christmas shopping.

Jolly Holiday Trees will be selling Christmas trees in the junior car park from 2.30 p.m. onwards. So why not buy your tree early, they will be delivered directly to your door, or you can collect your tree from school on the 18th December. Furthermore, should you wish to refer a family member or friend please quote the code RF2019 when contacting them to both receive 10% off.

£5 from every tree purchased from them will be donated to the Trussell Trust charity, helping stop UK hunger. Jolly Holiday Trees have kindly donated Christmas trees to the Infant and Junior schools. Please do support them as they are a local business.

Junior Enterprise

Junior classes have a number of projects planned over the next few weeks (film shows with popcorn, cake sales, Christmas decorations, plant pots and bath bombs are just some of the items on sale) and each class will send details shortly.



Adventure playgroup & Gardening project

I will be opening the Junior school on Saturday, 30th November from 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and hope that you will be able to give up some time to come and help with the above projects. We would like to clear up the junior adventure playground and plant some fruit and vegetables in the Infant Angel garden. We need all the help we can get, and children are welcome. So please let either the junior or infant office know if you can help, please let us know what time you will be coming. Please bring gloves, suitable footwear and clothing.

This is such a great opportunity for us to come together and make a real difference. Our pupil leadership team have drawn up some plans for both the infant and junior playgrounds and will be meeting with companies early in December. A perfect example of how pupil voice makes a difference. So, let us support them by coming together on Saturday to start the project off and get planting in our Infant Angel garden.

Yours sincerely

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