

# Newsletter

## November 2018



### Message from the Head Teacher

This year, we have a continued whole school focus on reading. Sadly, we have noticed that the amount of reading that happens at home has recently reduced. Reading is the key piece of homework that we expect all pupils to do regularly. Reading practice is important as being able to read fluently, with good comprehension, unlocks the rest of the curriculum; the more your child reads, the better they will do throughout their school career. Please ensure that you are reading at home with younger pupils, this doesn't have to be for an extended period and can be built into family routines: 10-minutes of reading before bath time, reading in the car before coming to school, or whenever you can work it into your family life. We know family life is often busy, but this really is the most important thing you can do to help your child. If you have an older child, you don't need to hear them read but please monitor to ensure that they are reading each day. Again, this can be built into their routine. A good time for older children to read is before going to sleep and this can help them to switch off and get a better night's sleep.

School has invested £2,000 for new banded books to increase the range available to pupils. We have also invested in new book storage to make it easier for pupils to see the range of books available.

Thank you for your continued support

**Mr Horton**

### INSET Day- 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Reminder: School is closed to pupils on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November for our 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day.

### Children in Need

Thank you for helping us to support Children in Need. We raised £310 on our non-uniform day.

### Shoe Box Appeal

Mr Westmoreland would like to a huge thank you to the school community. We managed to exceed our previous record for the total number of shoe boxes collected. In total, we collected 171! These boxes were taken to Rothwell St Mary's church by representatives from most year groups. As we speak, they are on route to a destination in Eastern Europe. We will update you when we know which countries our shoe boxes have gone to. Further details of Operation Christmas Child can be found at [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) Thank you to Mr Westmoreland for organising this for us.

### Book Fair

Our book fair was extremely popular this year and took over £1,400. School receives 10% of this total to spend on ½ price books. Mrs Taylor has already selected just under £300 of new books to supplement our school library. Thank you for your continued support.

### Pops Christmas Fair

Please come and support our POPS Christmas Fair on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 15.30pm. The children are busy preparing their games and crafts- this time is always very competitive as they try and raise the most money! Thank you for supporting our recent non-uniform day. We received lots of fantastic items for our tombola. POPs have been busy creating hampers that can be won in our raffle. Thank you to the POPS team.



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### Lunch Money

A reminder that Nursery meals are £2.10 and KS2 meals are £2.40. Please send money in on Monday for each week in advance. Please ensure that lunch money is paid promptly as if you fall into arrears, we will request that you child brings a packed lunch until the balance is cleared. If you are struggling to pay for school lunches, please contact the office who will be able to give you more information about claiming for free school meals, if eligible.

### Christmas Events

Letters for EYFS and KS1 Nativity shows have been recently sent out with details of parts etc.

Our EYFS Shows are: 11/12/18 at 10.00am and 12/12/18 at 2.00pm

Our KS1 Shows are: 17/12/18 and 18/12/18 at 2.00pm

KS2 parents are warmly invited to join us for our KS2 Carol Service on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.

### Sports Events

We have had a busy few weeks with sporting fixtures and events. At all the events, our pupils have been a credit to us and represented the school exceptionally well. Thank you to Mr James and Miss Fleming for coordinating.

Road to Wembley (Football)- Our team competed well at the end of last week. They won 2 games and drew a further 2. They finished second in their group so unfortunately do not progress to the next round. However, we are extremely proud of them and the team work they displayed.

Dodge Ball Competition- We won 2, lost 2 and drew 1. Overall, we missed out on the final by just 1-point! However, other schools complimented our team on their sportsmanship.

We have also taken part in a Tennis and a Netball event over the last few weeks. These events were aimed at increasing participation and enjoyment of different sports.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure that you are informing us of the reasons why your child is absent. If school does not receive any contact regarding an absence, we will conduct a home visit to establish the reason and offer further support as needed. If your child has been away from school for a few days, we may also visit to check on them in line with our safeguarding procedures.

Holidays in term time are not advised. If you are planning a holiday or need a leave of absence, you need to complete a 'leave of absence' form which can be found on the school website or are available from the office.

Please note, the circumstances in which Mr Horton can authorise a holiday during term time are extremely limited. We closely follow the policy agreed at a cluster level with other local schools. In most cases, holiday leave will be unauthorised and a fine from the City Council may be issued depending on the length of absence. Our attendance policy is available on our website.

Unfortunately, we still have children who regularly arrive late. Please ensure that your child/ren are ready to join their class at the start of the day as the first 10-minutes of the day are important to settle them into their day as staff use this time to explain what they will be doing. If they regularly miss 10 minutes at the start of the day, they will miss a substantial amount of learning time each year.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised a total of £194.85. Thank you to all who came along to support and to those who donated some wonderful buns and cakes, it is very much appreciated.



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### Lost Property

A reminder that lost property is in the main entrance to school. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Sometimes, property can be mixed up and the wrong items taken home. If your child comes home with the wrong jumper, t-shirt, trousers etc. please return them so that we can reunite them with their rightful owner. Many thanks in advance.

### Medicine Policy

We understand that sometimes pupils require medication during the school day. Please ensure that all medication is brought to the school office and collected again at the end of the school day. We are unable to administer any medication if an authorisation form has not been completed. Only adults named as an emergency contact on your child's record can authorise medication to be administered.

### Upcoming events

30 <sup>th</sup> November	Training Day – School Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> December	POPS Christmas Fair
11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS – Christmas Production (10.00am)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS – Christmas Production (2.00pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 – Carol Concert Rehearsal
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Singing at Oulton Manor for the residents
13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS – Christmas Craft afternoon
17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 – Christmas Performance (2.00pm)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 – Christmas Performance (2.00pm)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 – Carol Concert: (2.30pm)
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch (School Pupils/Staff Only)
21 <sup>st</sup> December	School Closes
7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Closed – Training Day
8 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens

