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NEWSLETTER 05 - 29th NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations for this worthy cause, we raised $\pounds77.65$.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who donated items of bric-a-brac, cakes, tombola prizes etc. and to everyone who joined us to make our Christmas Fair a success.

Thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes including Morrisons, The King & Miller, Bejewelled Salon,



A W Bacon & Sons, Captain Jacks, Rand Farm Park, White Post Farm, Doncaster Rovers, Retford Leisure Centre, Councillor Graham Oxby and JM's Fish and Chips. I would also like to thank staff, parents and Governors for "manning" the stalls. The children all seemed to be having a great time and we raised a fabulous £700 for school fund. School fund money is used to pay for the reindeers at Christmas, Christmas books etc. The raffle

draw was made on the night and all prizes have now been claimed.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Parties for all children will take place as follows:-Monday 16th DecemberRowan and Chestnut ClassesTuesday 17th DecemberWillow and Oak ClassesWednesday 18th DecemberAcorns Class - AM (for all Nursery children)Children should come to school in their party clothes but will still need to wear sensible shoes and a
warm coat. Staff will organise all of the food, drinks and party games. Please provide your child's
teacher with a 50p donation by Monday 9th December if you are able to.

READING

Thank you for your support in reading with your children at home, some children have got as far as 75 recorded reads which means that treats like extra playtime and golden time passes are being given out which is great to see.

If you don't find it easy to persuade your child to read at home or would like some advice about it, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher - we sometimes find a small incentive from the teacher can work wonders!

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

Dates and times for each classes play are overleaf. Each family may bring up to 4 guests (two per parent if you are separated), we will not be issuing tickets. If possible please find a baby sitter for younger siblings so that they don't distract/compete with the children who are performing.

BOOKS & BISCUITS

Reading is at the heart of everything we do in school and is something which I know is important to all parents. We enjoy sharing books with you at these sessions and really value your attendance. If you are working or can't attend, feel free to send family members/friends but let the class teacher know who is coming if it is not you. Sessions for this half term are as follows:-

| Monday 2 nd December | Chestnut Class - 2:45 pm |
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| Tuesday 3 rd December | Rowan Class – 2:45 pm |
| Thursday 5 th December | Oak & Willow – 2:45 pm |

SICKNESS

Could I please remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they must stay off school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick or had diarrhoea. This is extremely important to avoid spreading bugs within school.

GAMES FOR NURSERY

If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out Nursery are in need of games for their library. Any donations would be gratefully received.

CHURCH SERVICE

All full time children will be going to St Michael's Church on Bridgegate on Thursday 19th December. The service includes songs from our play, readings and a prayer, and will start at 10:00 am. All welcome.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

The menu for the last week of term will be as follows:-

- Monday: Quorn Dippers or Jacket Potato followed by Flapjack
- Tuesday: Spaghetti Bolognese or Paninis followed by Butterscotch Tart
- Wednesday: Nottinghamshire Sausage or Jacket Potato followed by Snowman Ice Cream
- Thursday: Christmas Dinner Turkey or Quorn followed by Christmas Pudding or Ice Cream
- Friday: Fish Fingers or Paninis followed by Cupcakes

DIARY DATES

| Nursery Christmas Tree Festival Visit | Monday 2 nd December |
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| Nursery Christmas Play <u>(AM & PM)</u> | 10:45 am Monday 9 th December |
| Rowan Christmas Play | 9:15 am Wednesday 11 th December |
| Oak Christmas Play | 9:15 am Thursday 12 th December |
| Willow Christmas Play | 9:15 am Friday 13 th December |
| Chestnut Christmas Play | 2:00 pm Friday 13 th December |
| Rowan & Chestnut Christmas Party | Monday 16 th December |
| Willow & Oak Christmas Party | Tuesday 17 th December |
| Acorns Christmas Party | Wednesday 18 th December AM (for all Nursery children) |
| St Michael's Church visit - all welcome | 10am Thursday 19 th December |
| Christmas Dinner | Thursday 19 th December |
| End of term Assembly | 9am Friday 20 th December (invite only) |
| Last day of term | Friday 20 th December |
| Inset Day (school closed) | Monday 6 th January |
| First day of term | Tuesday 7 th January |

As always please come and speak to me if you have any worries or concerns, the door is always open.

Joanne Cook Head Teacher