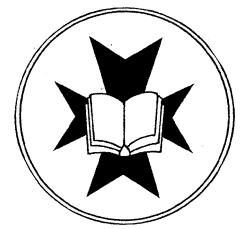




St John's Primary School and Nursery
- Wednesday 14th December 2016 -
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Week 7: 14.12.16

This is the final newsletter of what has been a very eventful term. Instead of winding down to the end of term, everything and everyone have been working at 100 miles per hour trying to keep up with everything that needs completing. That said, it has been a lovely term. The children have been working really hard and conducting themselves well. All of the staff have given 100% and more, and you have all continued to be incredibly supportive, about which we are all grateful.

When we come back in the New Year, we will be launching several new initiatives in school that will be discussed with staff in the January INSET day on Tuesday 3rd January. This means that we will look forward to seeing the children back on Wednesday 4th January. I will write in more detail about these new initiatives in the new year. You will already be aware of our major lunchtime overhaul as communicated by the Junior Leadership letter last Friday.

Have a lovely Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. With very best wishes,

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Goodbye Mrs Benarous

All good things must come to an end and, sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Benarous who is moving to a non-class-based Assistant Headship over the border in Coventry.

It goes without saying how much she will be missed. She has such a caring nature and a real empathy with children and adults alike. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone, to thank her for her hard work, support and influence she has had on so many children during her time with us. I certainly will feel a Monday void as Mrs Benarous usually leads me astray with a Yorkie bar! We are sending her all our love and best wishes for a very bright future career ahead.

Staffing Updates

Mrs McPherson will take over the majority of Mrs Benarous' teaching commitment in Year Four, with planning time being given by Mrs Baker, who will also be our curriculum lead.

Congratulations to Mrs Tennant who will now lead Key Stage Two and Miss Eggleton who will now lead English across the whole school.

There will also be a new face in school: Mrs Helen Kirk, who will be providing release time in Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Christmas Tree Festival

After a year's rest from the tree festival at St Nicholas' Church, we came back with a bang and straight into third place! I have it on very good authority that there were only three votes separating third and second place!

I know I am biased, but I thought our tree was beautiful and truly representative of our community. Each heart was individually made by a community member and all were equally valued on the tree. Thank you so much for your contributions.



We may need another year off to recharge our creative efforts as we have to beat St Nicholas' Primary School next time!

Poppy Appeal

Thank you again for your support with this. We raised £290.83 for a very worthwhile cause.

PTA

The PTA would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who generously supported the school by assisting with, donating to or visiting the Chocolate tombola and Christmas Fair this year. We couldn't run either event without you.

Pantomime Performance

As you know, we have booked a much more cost-effective way of taking the children to a pantomime this year - the panto is coming to us. Please make sure that you send in your voluntary contribution of £2. This is a fraction of the cost of taking the children out and it looks set to be a very enjoyable experience.

Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY. Birthdays will be celebrated on the final Friday afternoon of term within school.

Wed 14 th Dec	6.00pm: KS2 Christmas performance - "When Sasha Got Stuck Up the Chimney"
Thu 15 th Dec	Whole-school Christmas lunch PTA non-uniform day and Christmas disco (KS1 3.30pm – 4.15pm / KS2 4.30pm – 5.30pm)
Fri 16 th Dec	am: "Aladdin" – panto in school pm: Carols around the tree Break up for Christmas holiday
Mon 2 nd Jan 2017	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue 3 rd Jan 2017	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 4 th Jan 2017	Back to school
Tue 10 th Jan 2017	am: Indoor rowing (Campion School - selected Year 6 children) pm: 5S swimming - final session
Wed 11 th Jan 2017	6.00pm: SATS information evening - Year 6 parents/carers
Thu 12 th Jan 2017	am: Year 1 trip to St John's Museum - <i>details to follow</i>
Fri 13 th Jan 2017	pm: Dodgeball competition (Campion School - selected Year 5 children)
Tue 17 th Jan 2017	pm: 4B swimming - first session
Wed 18 th Jan 2017	am: Reception / Year 6 height and weight checks - <i>details to follow</i> pm: Sportshall athletics (Kenilworth School - selected Year 5/6 children)
Thu 19 th Jan 2017	12.30pm: Year 4 parents' sharing lunch
Fri 27 th Jan 2017	9.00am: 5E class assembly
Wed 1 st Feb 2017	6.00pm: Parent Forum
Thu 2 nd Feb 2017	12.30pm: Year 3 parents' sharing lunch
Fri 3 rd Feb 2017	9.00am: 1C class assembly
Mon 13 th Feb 2017	Parents' evening
Wed 15 th Feb 2017	Parents' evening
Fri 17 th Feb 2017	9.00am: 1S class assembly 3.15pm: Break up for February half-term holiday
Mon 27 th Feb 2017	Back to school

Lunchtime Overhaul

The Junior Leadership Team wrote last Friday requesting:

- Unwanted books
- Unwanted board games
- Dressing-up props such as hats, scarves, sunglasses, outgrown costumes.

It's not too late to rummage through those drawers in a pre-Christmas clear-out! All items will be gratefully received.



PTA Christmas Disco & Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 15th December 2016

Reception & KS1: 3.30pm – 4.15pm

KS2: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

£1 non-uniform / £1 entrance to disco

Please refer to the separate letter that came out about this event. Your co-operation with the instructions not only ensures the children's safety, but also that the event runs smoothly.

Children's Centre

Come and Find Out

HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF FAMILY LIFE



We will be running the 10-week Nurturing Program for Parents.

This course helps Parents to understand and manage feelings and behavior, whilst becoming more positive and nurturing in their relationships with their children.

Starting Thursday 19th January 2017

from 12.45 to 2.45pm

(a crèche will be available)

Booking is essential

Please telephone St John's Children's Centre
on 01926 856397 for further details