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Newsletter 14

11th December 2020

St Stephen's Primary Church School

Happy Friday!

Inset Announcement... You will have read yesterday that term will finish for the children on Thursday 17th December and we will have an Inset day on the 18th. I do apologise for the late notice of this change – the Government announced just this week that we will remain the point of contact for positive covid-19 cases for 6 days after the end of term. Closing on the 18th could potentially mean you receiving an email from me to inform you of a positive case after you had already met relatives within your Christmas 'bubble' from the 23rd. Closing a day sooner greatly reduces the chances of this.

I will write to you next week with details of how and when to inform us of a positive Covid test result.

We will continue with the planned Inset day on the 4th January, with the children starting back at school on the 5th, and then the final Inset day will be as previously communicated on the 28th May 2021.

Changes to next week... As a result of us finishing term for the children on Thursday, Christmas jumper day will take place on Thursday instead of Friday. This is simply a chance for the children to wear a festive jumper if they so wish over their usual uniform. There is no donation needed and it doesn't need to be a shop-bought jumper – a bit of tinsel or baubles on an old sweater is just as good if not better! Year 6's Christmas party will also now take place on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday.

Magical Mission... So many of our children have been enjoying the Magical Mission which ended last weekend. Prizes for taking part were delivered to the school earlier in the week and were left for 72 hours before being given out today. It has been a really popular and creative event and I know that many of our children and families have thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Thank you so much to Jessie Earle, Ruby Hazael, Sarah Cullis and Millie Doherty for the tremendous amount of hard work that went into making it such a success.

Christmas Production... Thank you for your help providing costumes and/or festive headgear for your children this week. Preparations have gone well - the children have really risen to the challenge – and we are in the process of pulling it all together with the intention of it being available on our Youtube channel from 9.30 on Tuesday 15th December. Notwithstanding any technical issues, I will send you the link to be able to view it by 9.15 on Tuesday morning via email and twitter and we all really hope you enjoy it.

Have a lovely, festive weekend.

Andy Bowman

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



Top Doodlers...

This week we are celebrating these wonderful doodlers. Well done everyone!

- F1 – Flora
- F2 – Toby
- F3- Sofia
- F4- Klara
- F5 – Harley
- F6- Dylan
- F7- Iris
- F8- Charlie
- F9- Faye
- F10- Chloe
- F11- Cara
- F12- Adam
- F13- Elizabeth and Milo
- F14- Seba

Calendar Dates Reminder...

15th December: 9.15: Christmas Celebration (Youtube)

14th December: Reception and Year 2 Christmas Party

15th December: Year 1 and Year 3 Christmas Party

17th December: Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Party

17th December: END OF TERM

18th December: INSET DAY

INSET Day: Monday 4th January

Term 3 begins: Tuesday 5th January

INSET Day: Friday 28th May 2021



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Messages from the PTA...

Next week is Christmas Party week for all children. Usually these take place in the hall in groups larger than classes but this year they will take place within the children's classrooms. Again, usually parents contribute food and it is shared, but this year, the PTFA, with the generous help of the local Sainsbury's and Morrisons stores are funding an individual bag of party food for each child.

Each bag contains a juice (orange or apple) a bag of crisps, a satsuma, a chocolate mini roll (Cadbury's or Sainsbury's own brand) and a small wrapped Cadbury's Hero chocolate (not chocolate Eclair).

If you do not wish your child to receive this, or if you fear your child may have an allergy to any of the contents listed above, we would be grateful if you could let your teacher know in advance and provide another small bag as an alternative. We apologise if this makes things awkward for you but you will appreciate it is the only way we are able to provide this year and thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards
PTFA

A great BIG thank you to everyone who took part in the Magical Mission, it was a great success, so much fun was had and we managed to raise a whopping £940!!!! The link will remain open until Monday for any last minute donations that might push us over £1000!...

Also, it would not have been possible without the hard work from Jessie Earle and Ruby Hazael for putting forward such a fabulous idea and then making it happen. Thank you!

Thank you to Sarah Cullis & Millie Doherty for the brilliant prizes and to everyone who put up a sign in your window to make it happen. We have such a lovely School community and it was so lovely walking around saying hello to everyone taking part, it really was special and made us smile.

And finally, a thank you to The Claremont, Fairfield Arms, Millennium Green and St Stephen's Church for also taking part supporting the mission.

Please don't forget the Christmas tree sale will be running again this Saturday in the school car park and there are still a few trees up for grabs!

Finally, we wanted to wish Mrs Brown all the best of luck in her next adventure and thank her for all the support she has given the PTFA over the years, who will help us with all the beautiful crafts and setting up the Christmas fairs now?! Thank you! We will miss you.

We leave you with the thought 'only 14 sleeps till Christmas!' eek!

Karin & Sam

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