



Dear Parents,

Christmas Play – Lights, Camel, Action!

Thank you for joining us for this year's Strictly Nativity. We had two wonderful performances and the children did us all proud. There is something so special about seeing the little ones dressed up in their costumes for the first time and nothing makes me prouder than to see how far the older ones have come over the years: their confidence blossoming, still game for a laugh and still managing to look cute!

Thanks to the teachers for inspiring the children and to you for your generosity in giving to the children's chosen charity "Help for Heroes." An amazing £205.17 was donated.

Christingle

Another lovely occasion, this year led by Paul Towns, which never fails to melt the heart. Out of respect to recent events, only the Year 6 had their candle lit this year. All other children held a battery-operated tea-light but received their Christingle to bring home. It was all very beautiful. Thank you for joining us. We will let you know the total raised from the collection candles for the National Children's Society in due course; once again, thank you for caring.

Fire Safety

This week, a local community Fire Officer came in to speak with the children to remind them about fire safety. Children were all reminded that if they should see or find any matches or lighters they mustn't touch them but to tell an adult straight away. He also showed them a smoke alarm and told them that the fire service will come and fit two for free in all homes upon request. Contact 0116 287 2241 or email on riat@lfrs.org for further details. They all have a leaflet about general safety for you all in the home around Christmas, plus a fire safety leaflet which we always send out in the summer term.

Clubs

A reminder that there will be no after school clubs next week but early morning sports club will continue as normal.

Barkestone Church

Carol Service -Sunday 11th December at 3.30pm. Come and join us for our usual informal mix of readings and carols, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Holiday Dates

For your information the 2017/18 holiday dates will be on our website in the next few days.

Next Week:

Tuesday 13th – Pantomime

A reminder that ALL children will need a packed lunch for this day. Children may wear Christmas hats to look festive, but will need to be in school uniform as usual so they are easily identifiable in the theatre. We should be back around 5 pm so please wait on the school playground and we will release Class 1 from their usual door, Class 2 from the fire exit off the playground and Class 3 from the link door.

Wednesday 14th - Party Afternoon

Children may come to school in their party outfits.

Thursday 15th – Games Day

Children can bring in a non-electronic game to play with friends.

Friday 15th – Redmile's Got Talent

Non-school uniform day. Children can enter Redmile's Got Talent, which is just for the children, so please encourage them to practise their dancing, singing or another special talent. There will be no P.E. nor Special Assembly.

Governor Update

Lisa Shores' term of office as parent governor is up but she is very happy to stand again to represent parents, unless you would prefer to go through the election process. Please can you inform the school office if you wish the election process to take place. Thank you.

Message from Nicky Wainwright

On the 16th December I will be hosting a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. Pop in for some cake and a cup of tea in the afternoon. In the evening we will be getting pizzas from Papa Johns, who are working with the charity, so drop in for a slice and a glass of wine (£5 dough-nation)! Please contact me on info@peacock-farm.co.uk if you are coming or if you can help with cakes or nibbles DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR SILLY CHRISTMAS JUMPER!! Thank you.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy at Waltham Primary School for a Midday Supervisor, on either a permanent or temporary basis, starting in January. If you are interested please contact the school office on 01664 464269 or email for more details office@waltham.leics.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins, Head teacher