



Newsletter 6 — 04.12.14

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your kind thoughts this week. It is obviously a sad time for myself and my family and I appreciate all your kind words, flowers and thoughts. For me the last week has highlighted the importance of families in the care and education of children. It is widely reported that parent involvement in a child's education can have a huge impact in their success, as measured by exam grades, a child can improve by as much as two grades in their GCSEs, if a parent is actively involved in their learning. Imagine that a D could become a B, or a C an A!

We all want our children to be confident and happy and for school children that route is through academic achievement. So what can you do for your children? There are some simple ways you can help;

- Read to your child.
- Get them to bed at an appropriate time
- Listen to your child read, make reading part of the daily routine.
- Help them learn their spellings & times tables.
- Help research homework task or topics, be interested.
- Embed good time keeping, be at school on time.
- Be organised, make it fun, do it together!

None of this is rocket science, but sometimes in our busy lives we let the important things slip. Sometimes children don't want to and that is where getting into a routine helps. Of course they want to watch tv, play on the computer and play with friends. Here is where you negotiate, we'll read now and then you can.....

Finally, think about what you value. It is amazing what you can do when you try hard, and experience tells me that children with a good work ethic often achieve more than those that believe they are naturally clever. Praise your child for their effort, attitude and perseverance rather than what they *have* achieved. We call it developing an open mind set, knowing you have always tried your hardest..... That is a great place to be.

Regards
Alison Cooke

IMPORTANT DATES.

Tuesday 9th Dec—
Reception & KS1 Nativity
(9.45 am)

Wednesday 10th Dec—
Reception & KS 1 Nativity
(5.30pm)
& Little Otters visit to
Cattle Country

Friday 12th December—
Christmas Jumper with £1
towards Save the
Children

Monday 15th Dec—Little
Otters Nativity. 2pm

Tuesday 16th Dec—KS 2
Carol concert at the
Church 7pm.
School uniform

Wednesday 17th Dec—
Pantomime visit &
Christmas meal.
School uniform

Thursday 18th Dec—Yr 7
Hot chocolate & Mince
Pies. How prepared were
you for secondary
School? 3.30pm

Friday 19th Dec—
Christmas Parties (2pm
finish). Non School Uni-
form.— party food on a
plate

Monday 5th Jan—Back to
school 2015



SCHOOL TRIPS.

The school always tries to plan exciting, topic based experiences outside the school to support the children's learning. These trips are carefully considered and costed to avoid asking parents for large sums of money at regular intervals. For all trips we ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost and often look to other funds, for example FoSS kindly fund the coaches for the pantomime. Sadly, we have had to make the decision that if we don't receive a minimum of 80% donations for a trip or in school paid event in future we will have to cancel the event.

2015 Holiday Clubs.

February Half Term; 16th—20th February
Easter; 7th—10th April
Summer; 27th—31st July
10th—14th August

See SuperStars for further details.

Christmas Jumper Day
(or tinselie school sweat shirt)
Friday 12th December
£1 towards Save the Children.



Congratulations to everyone.

We raised over £1000

at the Christmas Fair.