



Slimbridge Primary School - Newsletter 6

5th December 2017



Important dates

- Monday 11th December Nativity Performance at the Hollies.
Carol concert rehearsal for Classes 4 & 5 at the Church
Little Otters Nativity at school 2pm
- Tuesday 12th December Carol concert rehearsal for Classes 4 & 5 at the Church
- Weds 13th December Christmas lunch
Evening Carol Concert 6.00pm at the Church. All are welcome.
- Thursday 14th December Pantomime in school.
Little Otter Christmas Party
- Friday 15th December Christmas Jumper Day. **Children can leave school at 2pm.
No assembly.**



Staffing

We will sadly be saying goodbye to two members of staff at the end of this term, Mrs Coope has been doing a wonderful job working with Class 2 until Mrs Clune comes back from maternity leave. However, I am sure we will see her in other classes helping with supply cover in 2018. We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Selby who has been in class 4 this term, she is moving on to another school and Miss Glover has agreed to step in full-time.



OFSTED

As you all know we had a visit from an OFSTED inspector on Tuesday 28th November. I would like to thank all the parents and staff who worked hard on the Monday to ensure we gave a good impression. We will be receiving a letter from the inspector Mrs Sandra Woodman in the next few weeks, we might find the holiday gets in the way but I will get the letter out to all parents and carers as soon as possible.



Maths Challenge

We recently sent four teams to the Cheltenham Maths Challenge at St Edward's School. Each team was made up of two Year 5 children and in total approximately 30 teams competed from schools around the county. All the children represented the school brilliantly, with Drew Calcott and Henry Gothard coming **THIRD**. Well done to all our maths stars.



Football

Well done to our football team who recently competed in the Dursley Schools' Football Tournament at Rednock School. The boys enjoyed the experience and showed lovely sportsmanship. Thank you to our brilliant coach Mr Norman.



Christmas.

The children in classes 1, 2 and 3 have been entertaining parents, grandparents and carers with their nativity play. They have one more performance at The Hollies in Dursley on Monday afternoon. The children should be back at school by 3.00pm.

Classes 4 & 5 are busy preparing for their Carol Concert on Wednesday 13th December. They have practices at the Church on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Please make sure you check book bags for letters with exact timings. The concert on Wednesday will start at 6.00pm and FOSS will be providing refreshments.

We recommend you park in the Village Hall car park or walk down from the British Legion, parking on the road does cause disruption and cars are not necessarily safe.

Our traditional Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 13th December and booking forms have been given to all children. All meal orders have to be returned to the office by this **FRIDAY**.

Instead of a theatre visit to watch a pantomime, this year we have decided to have the pantomime come to the school. The group come with good recommendations from local schools and will be performing Cinderella; **the children can bring a snack and small drink to have during the break in the performance.**

On Friday (15th December) all children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes and wear a Christmas Jumper. We are asking for a £1 donation to Save the Children, to make other children's lives better at Christmas time. We appreciate your support. **We will not have an assembly that day and the children can leave at 2.00pm**

We look forward to see the children back in the New Year on

Wednesday 3rd January.



FoSS

The lead up to Christmas is always our busiest time for fundraising. Last Friday we held our annual Christmas Fair, and we're pleased to announce it has been the most successful to date as we made a massive £1,200 profit. This profit does not happen without the tireless support and energy from so many people, not only on the night itself but the weeks of preparation beforehand.

FoSS is a huge team effort and we wanted to say thank you to EVERYONE who threw themselves into pulling off this event, from the school staff who gave up precious hours at the end of a very busy week, the Governors who ran the non-stop refreshments and anyone who gave up their time, donated to one of our many requests for cakes, jam jars, or hamper presents and of course anyone who came to the fair and spent their money!

We are so lucky this school has such a sense of community and support for each other.

Adding to this the children created the beautiful, artistic Christmas cards and through selling KS1 nativity tickets and refreshments we have raised another £500. This fundraising benefits all the children in the school. Mrs Cooke has plans afoot for a new 'project' and FoSS will support this wholeheartedly.

FoSS will also be at the KS2 concert in the church next Wednesday evening (13th) serving refreshments from 5.30pm (concert starts at 6pm). After which we have certainly earned a fundraising rest for a few weeks!

We welcome any new ideas and any support you may be able give us, just come and speak to one of the team.

**Thank you everyone for
your continued support this year. Wishing
you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year.**

