

St Mary's CE (A) Primary School, Mucklestone

Mail on Monday

28th November 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

There are only 27 days to Christmas Day and as the excitement mounts we are busy gearing up for all our end of term festivities.

Christmas Hamper Preparation & Non-Uniform Day - Monday 5th December



I thought it would be great to give the children an opportunity to win a Christmas hamper filled with lots of seasonal treats and have allocated some time for the children to put these together. Each class will take responsibility for creating a hamper which children will then have the opportunity to win via a raffle which will take place at the Christmas Coffee afternoon on 12th December. Please could children bring in a small 'treat' to go into the hamper e.g. chocolate, sweets or pocket money toys; in return they will be able to come to school in their own clothes.

Nativity Performance – Thursday 8th December

The Nativity performance will take place in the school hall at 2pm and 6:30pm. Seating will be a challenge so we ask that if you are seeing the performance in the afternoon you don't come to the evening performance as well. Please could parents of children in Class 1 ensure that all costumes are brought to school in a labelled bag by this Friday in readiness for the dress rehearsal. Children in Class 2 and 3 will play the important role of the choir and will wear school uniform.



Christmas Hamper Raffle and Coffee Afternoon – 2pm Monday 12th December

Everyone is welcome to visit school from 2pm when there will be coffee and mince pies available in the school hall and the children's hampers will be raffled. The FOSMS team are also organising a few seasonal stalls so look out for more news on this event shortly.

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14th December

Mrs Cartwright will be serving a fabulous festive lunch for all the children.

Children's Party afternoon – Thursday 15th December

A fun-filled afternoon with games and music and hopefully a very special visitor!



Christmas Jumper Day and Carol Service – Friday 16th December



On the last day of term children may come to school in a festive jumper. At 2pm the whole school will walk to church for a carol service. Everyone is welcome to join us.

School Grounds



Thank you to Mr Flynn who very kindly swept the leaves around the building at the end of last week. St Mary's is now looking very neat and tidy and we are very grateful for his help. Over the weekend we have also completed some maintenance to the path at the side of the school which should prevent the flooding that was causing a hazard when children are collected from the playground at the end of the day.

School photos

The deadline for returning school photo orders is Thursday, 8th December. Please ensure you have returned the forms by then to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas.



Gardening Club – Wednesday lunch time



Mrs le Toquin is looking for several children to help her plant daffodil bulbs around the school grounds

this Wednesday. If your child would like to help please could you ensure they have suitable clothing in school, including wellies and a warm coat. Thank you.

Mrs Doran – Leaving Collection

We will be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Doran at the end of term and we are organising a collection for a leaving gift. If you would like to contribute please post your contribution in the white post box outside my office or give it to Mrs Sellman. Thank you.

Items for Breakfast Club

Mrs Dicks is looking for a child’s stairgate and a lockable filing cabinet for Breakfast Club. If you have either of these items in the garage or loft and no longer need them please contact the school office. Thank you.



FOSMS News

Chinese Banquet, 13th December: There are only a few tickets left so if you want to come along to this event, one our biggest fundraisers of the year, then do see Mrs Sellman in the office or contact Graham Sedgley. We're still looking for lots we can auction off so thinking caps on!



Hamper list: Thanks to everyone who has already signed up. We still have some slots left, so do please have a look at the whiteboard when you come to pick up your children at the end of the day. We pack up the donated items into beautiful hampers, full of booze and luxury food for a wonderful pre-Christmas basket of treats, which we then auction off at the Chinese Banquet.

Well done to all who received Awesome Alchemist Awards:



Awesome Alchemist: Class 1 – Tia, Paddy and Rafiki

Class 2 – Sam, Nicole, Brucie, Emma and Joe W.

Class 3 – George, Sophie and Cameron

Winning House: Air

Church News:

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Family Service and the carol singing at Cheswardine Nursing Home yesterday. It was a lovely afternoon and the children represented St Mary’s impeccably.

The Posada figures have now begun their Christmas journey and all the details are attached to this week’s edition of MOM. Please let Mrs Keen know, or sign the rota on Mrs Sellman’s door, if you would like to give the figures a home for the night.

C. Newman

Diary Dates

Please note key dates for this term, these are also available on our website. **(New dates are in blue)**



5 th December	Non-uniform day and hamper preparation
6 th December	Class 1 and Class 3 trip to Blists Hill Museum
8 th December	Nativity performance 2pm and 6.30pm
12 th December	Christmas coffee afternoon and children’s hamper raffle
13 th December	FOSMS Chinese Banquet
14 th December	Parent Voice Meeting, 3.30pm
14 th December	Christmas lunch, children only
15 th December	Children’s party afternoon
16 th December	Last Day of term – Christmas jumper day and 2pm Carol Service in church, parents welcome
3 rd January 2017	First day of term
3 rd January 2017	Keele Space Dome in school

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