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NEWSLETTER 14

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2017. I would like to thank Frank Cooper and Son Ltd for their wonderful support in getting the site cleared of snow on Monday.

Applying for a school Nursery place for 2018-2019 (For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015)

Admissions for Nursery are now dealt with by the school. As a consortium of schools within Stevenage, Headteachers have agreed the following dates for Nursery applications:

Applications opening date: 1 January 2018

Application deadline: 16 March 2018

Offers sent out: 20 April 2018

From 19 December our Admissions Application Form for children starting Nursery in September 2018 can be downloaded from the Admission tab on our website along with our Nursery Admission Policy. Hard copies of the application form can also be requested from the school office, 01438 351090. We appreciate that Admissions can be confusing for parents using the system for the first time, please do not hesitate to call us to go through your queries.

Parents/Carers are welcome to view the school by making an appointment through the school office.



Photo Frames Request – Mrs Janes

Y3 are hoping to display best examples of their work. To help with this we are asking you to donate any unused photo frames. These can be any size up to A4 and can simply be the frame without the glass/plastic. Thank you, in advance, and we look forward to seeing the finished display



Christmas Fun – Reported by Ronnie F. Nicoleta R. and Lily W.



This morning KS2 parents and children came into the Junior Hall and made an enormous paper chain. There were all types of: paper, coloured card, decorated paper, animal print and paper to colour in. At the end we joined them together to make a paper chain that was 38.7 metres long. Some of the comments from this morning were, "It was an excellent idea to get parents involved", "I liked bringing my parent into school and having fun", "My favourite paper was the animal print" and "I enjoyed working with new people and making new friends".



Reading Ambassadors



Well done to the Reading Ambassadors who have started supporting classes across the school. We have received a collection of poetry books from Premier League Primary Stars and the Ambassadors are reviewing these for me. I was really thrilled that Shanaia L. and her dad loved the Caribbean poetry.



Christmas Dinner



The pupils' Christmas dinner will take place on **Tuesday 19 December**. Options are: Sliced Turkey Breast, Chipolata, Sage and Onion Stuffing Gravy with Roast Potatoes with choice of Vegetables or Roast Quorn Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing Gravy with Roast Potatoes with choice of Vegetables. Christmas Ice-cream with a Seasonal Biscuit or Chocolate Krispie Pudding.

Staffing

I'm pleased to inform you that Mrs Young and Mrs Foley will be joining our team in January as Teaching Assistants.



Dinner Money

£2.40 per day £12.00 per week
1st half term £72.00 2nd half term £64.80

Please can all outstanding dinner money be paid by Monday 18 December. Thank you.

Please can I remind you that school finishes at 2.15pm on Tuesday 19 December

Dinner Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 5 & 11.

Governors' Attendance Cup

The winner for this half term is Class 10 with 97.4%.



Effort Cup

Congratulations to. Abou-Bakr B. from Year 1 & Callum D. from Year 4.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.* Staff would like me to pass on their thanks for the lovely cards and gifts that they have received. It is very much appreciated.

Diary Dates for Autumn Term

- Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 19 December
- **Tuesday 19 December at 2.15pm**

Diary Dates for Spring Term

Spring Term 2018:

- First day of term
- Wednesday 3 January
- **Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February**
- Last day of term
- Thursday 29 March at 2.15pm

Diary Dates for Summer Term

Summer Term 2018:

- First day of term
- Monday 16 April
- Y5 School Trip
- Wednesday 25 April – British Schools Museum
- **May Day**
- **Monday 7 May - school closed to children**
- 14 – 18 May
- KS2 SATS week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
- Y4 School Trip
- Tuesday 22 May – Warner Bros Studio – Harry Potter
- **Half-term**
- **Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June**
- 10 -15 June
- Y6 Kingswood Trip – Isle of Wight
- 11 - 15 June
- Y1 Phonics Test Week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
- Y2 School Trip
- Thursday 14 June – Roald Dahl Museum
- Monday 2 July
- Open Evening
- **INSET Day 4**
- **Friday 6 July – school closed to children**
- **Friday 13 July**
- Family Picnic and Lunchtime followed by afternoon Sports Day
- Last day of term
- Friday 20 July at 2.15pm
- **INSET Day 5**
- **Monday 23 July – school closed to children**
- Occasional Days
- **Tuesday 24 July – Friday 27 July - school closed to children.**

Please note: Key Stage 2 SATs week; 14 – 18 May 2018. The Y1 phonics test will be held during the week of 11 June. KS1 (Y2) SATs process will take place in May.
Please ensure pupils do not book any family holidays during these times as they will be unauthorised.

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