

Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

Autumn Newsletter: 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I had a short preview of the Reception nativity play this week - parents and carers are going to feel so proud. The song I heard was brilliant. Christmas is coming!

Many of you may have seen the ambulance outside school on Thursday, thank you to all the people who showed their concern. Please let me assure you that the child concerned is well and recovering quickly.

I have also had a local resident request a meeting about parking on Field Lane. Please can I ask you to park considerately when dropping off and picking up from school. Thank you.
Best wishes, Ellie Game

Value of the half term...

Generosity

We shared the story of Ruth and Naomi from the Old Testament. We thought about Ruth's unconditional generosity and the generosity of Boaz.

'I will do for you, all that you ask.' Ruth 3:11

St Andrew's Day

Next Friday (Friday 29th November) we will be celebrating St Andrew's Day in school. We would like to make this a special day by encouraging the children in St Andrew's House to wear something blue instead of their school uniform on this day. The kitchen will also be providing a specially themed lunch for all children to enjoy.

Vision and Values

On Wednesday 4th December at 5.00pm I will be meeting with some of our school governors and staff to help evaluate the results of our school vision and values consultation and try to formulate a way forward.

I have spaces for about 6-8 parents to join us. If you would like to be part of this then please let me know by speaking to me on the gate.

Jewellery

Can I please remind parents and carers that jewellery should not be worn in school. Children are allowed to wear stud earrings and a watch. Thank you for your support.

Toast

Please remember that the price of toast at tuck time will be increasing to 25p from Monday 25th November.

Before School

From Monday 25th November Mrs Lillis will be outside on the upper playground to take any messages that might need to be passed on to the teachers in school.

Mrs Dunn will continue to take messages on the lower playground as she already does.

Dates to remember...

- 28th November - Mufti day for the Christmas fair. Please send in a bottle or a chocolate item for the tombolas.
- 29th November - St Andrew's Day - children in this house can come to school wearing blue
- 6th December - Christmas Fair 5.30-7.30
Foundation Stage Craft day - details on DOJO
- 10th December - KSI Christmas Play (1 Lion and 2 Lion) 9.30-10.30
- 11th December - KSI Christmas Play (1 Crystal and 2 Crystal) 9.30-10.10
- 11th December - Christmas Dinner
- 12th December - School closed for voting
- 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Foundation Stage Nativity Play 9.30-10.30
- 18th December - Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church 7.00pm-8.00pm
- 20th December - Sing-a-long a Santa 3pm on the school playground
End of term
- 7th January - Back to school

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff, governors, volunteers and the wider school community to share this commitment.

If you have concerns about a child the NSPCC helpline can offer advice.

They can be contacted on: 0808 800 5000

Alternatively, If you feel like you might need extra support then there is a process called 'Early Help' which can provide help where problems are emerging for children, young people and their families. More information can be found out about this by following the link below:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/children-and-family-care/early-help-for-children-and-families/>