"We work together, We play together, We pray together." 18th November 2019



With only three weeks until the Christmas concerts (Oh yes it is!), the rehearsals are well and truly under way. If you are available to help with car parking, please let us know asap, so that we ensure peak times are covered and we'll reserve a seat in the hall for the show. There are a number of events over the next few weeks so please remember to check the school website for all of the times and dates, that will be the most up to date.

As we enter the second part of the long first term the darker nights are well and truly here. Please remember to be careful when driving during the evening and especially late pick ups at school.

M McGrath

So far this term we have read over 14,000,000 words using Accelerated Reader. This is amazing! Each class beat their mid-term targets and we have new ones set until Christmas. Our reading is going up, up, up! Catholics Caring Appeal – The school will be taking part again this year. Please contact the school office and we can provide you with further details.

The PTFA Smartie Challenge is well under way with lots of tubes already returned. Thanks to Quinn's Spar & Off Sales for their generous sponsorship of the yummy sweets! The money raised from this will go towards some new ICT equipment for our school.

Once again we are on the lookout for extra books. Books can be sent into your child's teacher, or left into the office. Many thanks.

Flu vaccines forms have been sent home with your child today. Please read carefully and return completed forms by **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**  We have a number of children absent due to illness at the moment. Please remind your children to use tissues often and clean their hands after using as we attempt to reduce the spread of colds, sore throats, etc. over the coming weeks. If your child has been ill, please do not send them back to school unless they are well enough to return. Remember to send in a note as well.

Remember, if you have any concerns you would like to raise with us, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible. ©

Medical kit found in school car park. Contact the school office. Please drive carefully in and around the school grounds. When traffic is particularly heavy please be patient and remember to keep the laneway clear at all times. We work together, We play together, We pray together." 18th November 2019



## **Christmas Shows 2019**

**<u>Tickets available from the school office from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Cost £2.50</u> <u>each. 2 tickets are reserved for each evening your child is performing.</u>** 

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am P2 & P3 *Gnome Alone* 10:45am (approx.) P4 & P5 *The Stars Come Out for Christmas* Evening shows begins at **7pm** for *Gnome Alone* and 7:55pm approx for *The Stars Come Out for Christmas*. Tickets for the evening shows will be available from the school office as usual from the date above. No tickets required for morning shows.

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am P6 & P7 *Hosanna Rock* Evening performance begins at **7pm** <u>Children who are performing each evening must return to school at 6.40pm</u> wearing their costumes.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 10am P1 *The Sleepy Shepherd*. No tickets required as it is pay at the door. ADMISSION £2.50

After School Club will close at **3pm** on Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>), all children may go home at 2pm on each of these days also.

## Yum, yum!

School Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. **Reply slips must be returned by Mon 25<sup>th</sup> November** in order for your child's dinner to be ordered. Cost is £2.60. No walk ins permitted. Children may wear a Christmas hat if they wish – it always makes the food taste even more delicious!

There are quite a number of children coming to school each day without anything to eat at break time. This is mostly when children are attending school dinners, so please remember to include a healthy snack for break on these days too. P1 continue as normal, but unfortunately we won't be able to give anything out to other children.

## Aladdín

West Midlands Children's Theatre will be at the school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am with the production of Aladdin. Admission is £2 per child. Little brothers and sisters are welcome.

**Print My Card** – Our School Christmas Cards project is an excellent way for our school to raise funds, whilst engaging children in a fun and creative activity. Order forms and design guidance has been sent home. Please read the instructions carefully and return all orders and money by <u>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November</u>. It is important to get all orders in promptly to ensure orders are back to you in plenty of time for Christmas.

Village Christmas Tree will be lit on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30pm at The Barn. We are seeking volunteers to help with some children singing Christmas Carols. Please let us know if you can help.



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