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Newsletter 4 - November 11th 2016



***We'll be holding a Federation open morning on
Saturday 26th November - 10am-12noon.***

*There will be refreshments, Christmas crafts and **both** schools will be open. Please could you help us to spread the word about this event - especially to potential new students and their families!*

Do come along for a coffee, home baking and a bit of Christmas crafting.



Federation Children in Need Fundraising Day

On Friday 18th November we will be having a Federation fundraising day at TW. Reception children will spend the day at TW. As the theme is "spots" this year please can your send your child in something spotty? (It is also non-school uniform day for a £1 donation). It could be a hand painted t-shirt, a hat or even spotty socks! We will also be having a spotty bake-off competition. We challenge you to bake 4 fabulous cup-cakes, and decorate them. There will be Pudsey certificates for the best batch from reception, class 1, class 2 and adult (Mums, Dads, Grannies, Teachers...). Bring the 4 buns to school on Friday morning, they will be judged during our afternoon tea party. Please come along to the bake off final at 2.45pm, have a look at the entries, have a cuppa and cake! Any practice buns will be gratefully received and sold at the tea party. Good luck bakers.....BAKE!

FRIENDS

Blue Bag 2 School - empty bags attached. They need to be in TW School on Tuesday 29th November by 9am. You can bring them in from Monday 28th and we can store them overnight if that helps. PLEASE keep them dry; if they are wet they are unusable and therefore destroyed.

Outdoor Clothes/PE kits

The playing field at TW is now out of bounds to school uniform and indoor shoes! If your child wishes to play on the grass they will need outdoor shoes and over trousers, joggers and will need to change at each break time. With that in mind, please can you update their PE kits to contain a jumper or fleece and tracksuit bottoms/joggers. Thank you.

Festive Food!

The children's Christmas lunch will be on the 12th December. Mrs Paling will be cooking a fabulous festive turkey, with all the trimmings! Roast potatoes, carrots, peas, sausage, brussel sprouts and gravy followed by a Christmas tree ice cream! If your child **does not** want a school lunch on the 12th please let us know on the attached form before 25th November.

There will be a change of menu the following day, instead of a roast dinner it will be cheese and tomato pasta, followed by carrot cake (week 2 menu). Please complete the attached form if your child **does not** want a lunch.

The children's Christmas party will be at TW this year rather than Snape Institute. We will be having Pizza, chips and beans plus ice cream, fruit coulis and sprinkles! If your child **does not** want a party lunch on 16th December please complete the attached form before 25th November.

Pantomime

All of the school are going to The Georgian Theatre at Richmond for this year's panto (oh yes they are!) We will be enjoying "Snow White" on Thursday 8th December. Please complete the attached permission form. This is all being funded by FRIENDS.

Sunflower class

EYFS are thoroughly enjoying learning about seasons and weather. What great fun we have had in the autumn leaves and the cold, cold snow. This term we are learning about Light and Dark and the festival of light know as Diwali.

Children have been learning days of the week and months of the year. In phonics we are learning phase 3 phonics. We are also preparing for Christmas concerts and activities.



Bad weather Contingency Plan

In the event of heavy snow falling we cannot guarantee that the schools can be open for children.

The majority of staff live outside the local area, and therefore are unlikely to be able to travel safely into school. The decision as to whether the schools will be open when the snow starts to fall and settle will be made by 7.00am each day. The school website www.stwschools.org will be updated each day under LATEST NEWS (across the top of the page) during bad weather. Parents are asked to bring their children to school only if it is safe to do so. If however, parents cannot access the internet to check for updates, please let the school know so we will make alternative telephone arrangements for you. There is also a parents Facebook page which will also have information on it. It is a closed group which you can ask to join. It is called "Parents Noticeboard". It is not an official school page but is very helpful. Given the close proximity of the schools, both sites will be open or both sites will be closed.

Please can you also have in place your own contingency plan if we have to close school early? This will include cancellation of after school clubs. We will telephone you to give you as much notice as possible, but please have a plan in place for any last minute closures.

Escape Club

New dates for Christmas ESCAPE club are 19, 20, 21 December. If you would like to book your child in for a brilliant club please e-mail Karen escape@stwschools.org. Photos of the Autumn ESCAPE are on the school website under the parent tab.

Mrs Miller

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Miller at the end of this term. She has decided to take a break from teaching and will be supporting her husband with his business. We have been privileged to have Mrs Miller as part of our successful team and we will be very sorry to see her go. The Governors and Mrs Allison have advertised the post and will be interviewing at the beginning of December. We will give you details about the successful candidate by the end of term.

Permission forms

Name

Does NOT require a Christmas lunch on 12th Dec (please supply a packed lunch)

Does not require cheese and tomato pasta on 13th Dec or
Requires a jacket potato with cheese or beans.

Does not require a party lunch on 16th Dec. (please supply a packed lunch)

Has permission to go to the Pantomime on 8th Dec

Signed

14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 November
Y1,2,3 Flu Vaccinations		Y5/6 Swimming gala		Children in Need SPOTACULAR Federation Day and parents afternoon tea 2.45pm
				Sunshine Corner
21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov
	Y4 Art morning at Kell Bank	PM - Y6 Netball Tournament at Bedale		
28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec
	Blue bags collection 9am			Sunshine corner
5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec
			Whole school to panto at Richmond	
			No after school club	
12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec
Pupils xmas lunch		EYFS/KS1 Nativity play		Federation childrens party at TW
				Break up
				Sunshine corner
19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec		
ESCAPE Club	ESCAPE Club	ESCAPE Club		
2 Jan	3 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan	6 Jan
Bank Holiday	Training Day	School re-opens		
9 Jan	10 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	13 Jan
		Music for life Day		