



# Newsletter



## NEWSLETTER 11 2017-18

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”**



**Zac, Honor, Jack B, Marcus and Harvey**

**School Values: Friendship, Family, Faith, Respect, Reflection**

This week we will be revisiting all of our values, starting with Reflection on Monday when Mrs Vousden asked the children to think about the meaning of things.

### Where is Mrs Vousden next week?

Mrs Vousden will be in school on Monday, Wednesday afternoon (for the KS1 Nativity) and Thursday this week

### This week's learning will include:

	<b>Maths</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Hercules – Reception</b>	Name common 2D shapes & begin to describe them according to their properties. Comparing heights	Learn about, act out, sequence & retell the story of Jesus's birth
<b>Hercules – Year 1</b>	Name & describe common 2D shapes according to their properties. Find 1 more & 1 less than a 2 digit number	Learn about, act out, sequence & write the story of Jesus's birth
<b>Hercules – Letters &amp; Sounds - Reception</b>	Recognise & write <b>y z zz qu</b>	
<b>Hercules – Letters &amp; Sounds - Year 1</b>	Read & spell words with adjacent consonants. Practise writing sentences	
<b>Pegasus</b>	Position & Direction	Writing instructions
<b>Phoenix Years 3+4</b>	Measurements	Inference
<b>Chameleon Years 5 + Yr 6</b>	Fractions	Writing about Shackleton's Quest

## **Front Door – slight change**

We have been reviewing our site security to ensure that once children are in school they are safe, cannot leave the site and that no unauthorised people can gain entrance. With this in mind, the door will continue to be taken off its lock in the morning when a member of staff is there to supervise the door – usually Mrs Vousden or Mr Osler. Once the member of staff goes back into school the door will be locked immediately. Sometimes this will be at 8.50am. Children arriving once the door is locked will need to buzz the door bell and Mrs Howe will let them in.

In addition to this we will continue to remind children that they should not open the front door under any circumstances, but should ask an adult to let a person in, if they are waiting. We thank you for your support and understanding if you have to wait for a few moments outside, as our children's safety is paramount.

## **Accompanying children to their classrooms**

We recognise that children are having to bring in many additional items at the moment, for which they may need your help. However all children are now able to bring in their own coats, book bags and water bottles and they should be allowed to make their own way to the classroom, unless they have additional items that they are unable to carry.

Parents are asked to move swiftly through the cloakroom, allowing the children to do their own morning tasks and preventing these areas from getting congested.

If you have questions about the arrangements for the day please refer in the first instance to the newsletter or speak to Mrs Howe, who is a font of all knowledge and is ready and willing to help you in the morning.

## **Hercules Class**

Mrs Hutchins will be in school on Thursday for a hand over meeting with Mrs Bartlett and she will be teaching the class on Friday afternoon this week. Next week she will teach the class on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and she will be in full time from the 18<sup>th</sup> December

Mrs Bartlett's last day with the children will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Mrs Upton's last day will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for them, please send your donation to the office in an envelope with their names on by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December– thank you.

## **Questionnaire for new parents this year**

Attached is a questionnaire for those parents whose children started with us this school year. We would be most grateful if you could tell us what went well and if there is anything else we could have done to ensure your child had a smooth transition to our school. Please return it to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and we will use your comments to review arrangements for our new children in the future.

## **Christmas Post**

Our Postbox will be in the foyer from Monday 11 December for your children to post Christmas cards to their friends in school! Please don't send in cards before then as we are trying to continue with our usual learning activities for as long as possible!

## **Multi Sports Club cancelled on Friday 8 December**

There will be no after school Multi Sports Club on Friday 8 December due to the School Christmas Fair. Parents who have paid for Multi Sports this term will get £3.50 taken off the fees for next term.

## **Breakfast and Sports Clubs in Terms 3 & 4**

The booking forms for Term 3 & 4 Breakfast and Sports Clubs will be available shortly. Please remember to include payment with the form to secure your child's place!

## **Calling all School Volunteers!**

Please can you see Mrs Howe before the end of term to sign a Disqualification by Association form. This is a really important requirement for Ofsted. Thank you!

## **Can you Help?**

*Hercules Class* are looking for parent volunteers for Field & Forest this Friday (8 December). Please see Mrs Bartlett if you can help.

*Mrs H-H* is looking for a couple of parents to help put up the Village Hall stage first thing on Tuesday morning (12 December). She'd like to meet there at 7.45 am. Please see her if you can help – thanks!

*Football Club Parents* – we need parent volunteers for Wed 12 and Wed 19 December. Please can you see Mrs Howe if you can help – thank you!

## **Adverse Weather Conditions**

Please check the school website if you think there is a chance that school will be closed due to bad weather. We will also email parents using our Call Parent system.

## **PTA NEWS from the Chair**

I am really excited for this week as it feels like the Christmas season really has begun. There is a lot going on in school and plenty of raffles to take part in. To save any confusion here is a breakdown of what's on offer...

## **Christmas Hamper dates**

We have been selling dates for a few weeks now to try and avoid raffle exhaustion. Dates are no longer on sale after school but will be on sale for extended family and any last minute chancers at both KS1 and KS2 performances. Mrs Howe is happy to sell dates too.

## **Chameleon Christmas cake raffle**

Mrs HH has once again produced one of her legendary Christmas cakes which she is raffling off to raise funds for Chameleon class. I'm sure there will be a very smiley year 5/6 at the doors to greet you in the mornings and it really is worth a strip or two.... ( I hear she's been feeding it alcohol for weeks!!...)

## **Christmas Fair Raffle**

Mrs Payne has very kindly put together a beautiful Christmas Hamper to raffle off at the Christmas fair on Friday. Tickets will be on sale after school every day and the proceeds will go towards the total funds raised at the Christmas fair. The winner will be announced at 4:15 on Friday.

I hope this helps !

### **Christmas Fair**

This Friday 3:15-4:30 pm.

Our angelic choir will be entertaining us at 3:30 in Cherry Hall.

There will be a very festive Santa's grotto and for just £2 your child can meet Santa and leave with a present and a smile :)

Refreshments will be available.

School Tea towels with the children's self portraits will be available to buy for £4.

A chance to buy one of Kerrie's beautiful handmade wreaths which are available for pre order, and are on display outside of school.

Along with an extensive range of toys / games / books , a tombola , lucky dip, face painting, second hand uniform and more... it's going to be a fun packed hour not to be missed !

... we do still need a few more helpers to sign up so if you can spare some time on Friday afternoon and would rather be behind a stall then in amongst the crowds please put your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

### **KS1 Nativity play – 'An Out of This World Christmas' – Tomorrow at 2pm and 6pm**

It's going to be out of this world ! Refreshments will be available to buy before the show.

Many thanks for all the donations and support, it really is appreciated.

**Amy Tayler**

**PTA Chair**

### **REMINDERS**

- Chameleon will be holding Cake Monday#2 (ok Cake Tuesday!) outside School at the end of school today
- If you haven't yet returned the social media permission form, please can you do so asap as we are about to go live with facebook and twitter
- **Tickets** for 'An Out of this World Christmas' and 'Snow White' are on sale in the School Office.

### **Paper Letters sent out this Week**

- Social media permission letter

**Dates for the Diary** (new dates in red)

Wed 6 December	'An Out of This World Christmas' KS1 Performances 2pm & 6 pm
Fri 8 December	School Christmas Dinner Christmas Fair after school – School Choir performing at 3.30 pm
Wed 13 December	'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs' KS2 at KL Village Hall, 1.45 & 7.00 pm
Thu 14 December	Chameleon singing at Greathouse
Mon 18 December	Christmas Service at St Peter's, 2.30 pm
Tue 19 December	Carols on the Common, outside School, 6.30 pm
Wed 20 December	'Langley's Got Talent!' Christmas Party Lunch Break Up for Christmas
<b>Thu 4 January</b>	<b>Back to School in 2018 for Term 3</b>
Mon 15 January	Child protection and Safeguarding training for all volunteers in school. 2.15pm