

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 4, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support for our **FOMS 'Winter Festival.'** It was lovely to see so many of you there and to welcome back past pupils.

**A big THANK YOU for supporting recent charity and fund raising events at school:**

**Poppies:** Thank you so much for supporting the appeal.

**Children in Need:** We raised an amazing **£214.66**

**Christmas events and activities:**

Christmas has officially started in school and we have our **Post Box** ready to receive Christmas cards for all children and staff. This is situated in our school office area. **Children should deliver their cards to the post box (not hand them out).** Deliveries will be made at key times during the week to ensure that we can manage the distribution of cards.

This morning the whole school thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime 'Aladdin'. They will also be able to watch **The Family Trust Christmas Pantomime** 'Quentin's Quest' next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**Other important dates and information so that you can enjoy, plan ahead and celebrate with us:**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** we have our school **Christmas Lunch**. Children are invited to wear a CHRISTMAS JUMPER to school in place of their normal school jumper/cardigan, as we enjoy eating and celebrating Christmas together in the school hall.

The **Infant Christmas shows** are on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** and **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at **2pm** in the school hall.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have their Christmas parties in the afternoon and can bring in their party food (on a plate) and their 'sleepover' clothes to wear in the afternoon. Father Christmas will be delivering class presents on this day! Class teachers have sent information home today regarding the arrangements.

On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at **1.30pm**, the **Junior Carol Service** will take place at Mereworth Church. All the children will return to school after the concert for collection. If we are back early then we will send children home with you.

**PARKING for our Christmas events:**

We have made arrangements for **additional parking** to be available at the **Pavilion car park** for parents attending the Infant Christmas shows on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. It will be open from 1.30pm. It will also be open for parking on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 1.00pm for parents attending the Carol Service at the church. **The Pavilion car park is on the right hand side of 'The Street' coming from Kings Hill and Watlingbury direction, just before Butchers Lane.** Please park here to avoid congestion on The Street. Thank you.

**Our school value for DECEMBER is sharing.**

This value provides us with an opportunity to discuss how we can share and take turns with games and equipment and how we can show that we care at Christmas time.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks as we begin a very busy schedule of fun and enjoyable Christmas events and activities. Thank you for all your support during this Autumn Term 2018. We have had very positive feedback from parents and children regarding our new homework system and the new *Mathletics online learning programme*. We are very pleased that the children are using this in addition to their homework tasks and we are confident that this will make a difference to their engagement and enjoyment of maths, and the progress they will make in this subject area by the end of the school year.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all the school staff that work tremendously hard to ensure that we deliver the very best provision for all our pupils. We have had an excellent start to this school year with many actions taken to drive the school forward. I am very fortunate to have such a fantastic team of people that really care about the children and the school. I would also like to thank the school governing body for their contribution to the leadership and management of the school.

**Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher**

### Sporting competitions - update:

The football team continue to play very well, our last match we were 4-1 down at Watingbury Primary School with about 10 minutes to play and the whole squad showed real determination and perseverance to battle back for a 4-4 draw.

We have entered the football team into a school district competition where they will have the opportunity to play at Maidstone United's stadium. This is a national competition with the finals being held at Wembley Stadium, so fingers crossed for the team. We wish them every success this Thursday!

### Lunchtime provision:

We have started to run a range of 'active challenges' at lunch times for the children to take part in. These are all personal challenges, with the children encouraged to try and better their previous score. Further details and pictures to follow in the **Lunch Time Newsletter** that will be sent home this week.

### Please see attached the dates for Term 3 and Term 4

We will send home our **Term 3 CLUBS list at the end of this week** so that you can plan ahead for extra curricular clubs that you would like your child to attend next term. Please remember that we also have fantastic opportunities for children to learn a wide range of musical instruments. If you have any questions about this please see the school office or Mrs Jones our Music Leader.

### Mereworth CP School Art Exhibition - coming soon...

We're excited to announce that at the beginning of February, we will be putting on a whole school Art Exhibition. All the children, and the staff if they wish, will create a piece of artwork to be professionally displayed and exhibited in the school hall.

All parents will be invited to the exhibition and will be able to purchase their child's piece of artwork. More details to follow...

### After school:

At 3.30pm we would like everyone to leave the school premises and not continue to play and use school equipment. This will alleviate traffic on The Street and also enable our After School Clubs to run effectively and be supervised properly.

Thank you.



Thank you to FOMS for all their hard work with the **Winter Festival**. This was a really lovely school event and a great way to start Christmas!

A BIG thank you for the **'Bag Drop.'** This raised an amazing £128.00 for the school.

FOMS have worked very hard this Autumn Term to provide excellent events and fundraising opportunities including a **Children's Film Night, Pumpkin Decorating and Carving Competition, Winter Festival and a Wreath Making** evening next week.

They have also supported all of our **Reception Open Days**. Their ongoing support to the school is very much appreciated and provides invaluable funding to the school to buy resources and equipment that we need for the children. On behalf of the staff, governors and children we would like to thank you for all your time and support.

### Next event:

This week - **Parent Wreath Making** on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 7 to 9pm.

### Term 3:

January - **Children's Film Night** on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January – details to follow.