



December Newsletter 2

Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just one more week to go of this term, everyone is feeling festive, if a little tired! The Christmas productions so far have been brilliant and we have had lots of lovely feedback from families and friends who came to watch. Key Stage 2 still have their concerts to do, we look forward to seeing them next week.

Our Inter-House Quiz took place on Friday 1st December and was an exciting competition. The children worked hard in their teams to answer questions on General Knowledge and our school, including identifying staff from their baby photos or voices. The winners were 'Geeky Griffin' – Sally Reynolds, Ariela Aga, Grace Cooper Lo and Audrey Cooper, representing Griffin, who were presented with a medal and 500 points for their house. They just beat 'Fire Girls' – Allannah Gardiner, Mischa Choudhary, Elizabeth Jones and Jaya Choudhary, representing Dragons, on a tie breaker. Well done to all teams who took part. Congratulations also to Mrs Gardiner (Allannah's Mum) who won the parents' quiz, she received a sweet treat and 100 points for her daughter's house. Thank you to Miss McTiernan for organising the quiz and to Mr Bishop, our fantastic quiz master, who produced all of the questions.

At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Davis, from Nursery, who has successfully gained a promotion at Fairway Academy. We wish her well in her new role. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Deane will be taking over the Nursery teaching after Christmas.

Today was the Wheelies Christmas event. This is always a highlight of the festivities for the children and they have been very excited about seeing Santa or going to the disco. The Wheelies volunteers have worked extremely hard in preparing for today's events – thank you to everyone who has done their bit in giving our children such a Christmassy and fun experience.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs S. Pecheur
Head Teacher

Attendance News

For the week 27th November – 1st December the following classes achieved above our 97% target: RD, 3B, 3A, 4K, 5B, 5JB, 6M and 6R. The best classes that week were RD and 5B both with 99.3%. Our overall school attendance was 95.3% which is below our 97% target. The classes with the fewest number of lates were RH and 6R both with no lates across the week – well done!

For the week 4th – 8th December the following classes achieved above our 97% target: 1J, 2T, 4K, 4SF and 5JB. The best class that week was 5JB with 99.3%. Our overall school attendance was 94.8% which is below our 97% target. The class with the fewest number of lates was 6R with no lates across the week – well done!

Remember to check out our website www.wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk



Dates for your Diary

<u>December</u>	<u>January 2018</u>
Monday 18 th at 9am Key Stage 1 Production	Friday 26 th at 9am 3H Class Assembly
Monday 18 th at 2pm Key Stage 2 Concert	Friday 26 th Trompos visit to Years 4 and 5
Tuesday 19 th at 9am Key Stage 2 Concert	Monday 29 th Reception Writing workshop
Tuesday 19 th Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 30 th Reception Writing workshop
Tuesday 19 th at 2.30pm Early Years Christmas Craft Fair	Wednesday 31 st Reception Writing workshop
Wednesday 20 th at 9am Key Stage 2 Concert	<u>February 2018</u>
Thursday 21 st Pizza Thursday	Friday 2 nd NSPCC Number Day
Thursday 21 st Christmas Parties	Friday 2 nd at 9am 3B Class Assembly
Thursday 21 st Attendance Reward for the winning class	Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th Attendance Week
Thursday 21 st theatre group for Nursery and Reception	Wednesday 7 th RH to Pizza Express
Friday 22 nd a.m. Class Behaviour Rewards	Wednesday 7 th 3B and 3H River Cole trip
Friday 22 nd 9am – 10am Optional Stay and Play session for Nursery children	Friday 9 th at 9am 3A Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd at 12pm Break up for Christmas holidays	Friday 9 th 3A River Cole trip
<u>January 2018</u>	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th Aspirations Week
Monday 8 th Teacher Training Day	Monday 12 th Year 2 visit to the Botanical Gardens
Tuesday 9 th Term begins for children	Friday 16 th Enabling Enterprise Challenge Day
Wednesday 10 th African drumming workshops Year 4	Friday 16 th Children finish for half term
Wednesday 10 th at 2.30pm Year 4 parents and carers African drumming performance	Monday 26 th Parent and Carer Consultation Day
Friday 12 th Year 6 trip to The Sea Life Centre	Tuesday 27 th Children return to school
Wednesday 24 th RR to Pizza Express	Tuesday 27 th Year 3 Swimming begins for 2 weeks

Lost Property

We have collected a lot of lost property over the course of this term, this will be disposed of or recycled during the school holidays. If your child has lost anything, please come and check the boxes before Friday. There are many coats, jumpers and cardigans which are, unfortunately, not named so we are unable to return them to the rightful owner. Thank you.

Last Day of Term

A reminder that we finish at 12pm on Friday 22nd December for our Christmas holidays. Children in Years 5 and 6 will be permitted to walk home alone, if that is what they usually do, unless we are informed otherwise.



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Wheelers Lane Primary.



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