



DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER No 4

14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

It seems incredible that the end of term has already arrived! Looking back to September, I am once again amazed by all the events that have taken place this term and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you give to your children and to the school. Your help makes a world of difference!

We would like to warmly welcome Cole Pratt and his family who have recently joined us in Blackbirds class and Gabriella Bowden-Sykes and her family who have joined us today in Woodpeckers class.



Thank You!



We would like to thank the following people for their very kind donations:

Thank you to Danny Molloy (Dad to Elsie Molloy in Falcons class) at Tesco's in West Durrington and the staff at Tesco Express in Goring Way for their very generous mince pie donations towards Campfire Carols.

A massive thank you to everyone who kindly supported the 'Bake for Syria' event either by baking, donating or coming along and buying produce. A grand total of £99.15 was raised.

Christmas Fayre



Once again the FEPS team worked extremely hard to put together a really wonderful Christmas event which was packed to almost bursting point!

We would like to say a particular thank you to Lisa Scoates, Natalie Stone and the FEPS team who worked behind the scenes with the Junior School team to make this event a huge success. They achieved a fantastic net profit of £3,373.64 which will benefit both Infant and Junior Schools.



UNICEF Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who made donations at the end of our Christmas performances. We raised a grand total of £296.61 which will be sent to UNICEF.

Thank you also for the kind feedback you have given us about this year's performances. The staff and children work very hard each year and it is lovely to hear your comments when you have enjoyed it!

Falconer Trust Shoebox Appeal

It has been amazing to see so many 'shoeboxes' brought in. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Mr Starling from the Falconer Trust collected them on Friday 7th December and they will now be making their way to the children of the Kabulamema Orphanage in Zambia. Your support makes a big difference and helps the children to have nicer lives.



Spotlight on Safeguarding

Site security is another part of safeguarding. Our safeguarding procedures ensure that only authorised persons are able to gain access to the school and grounds during the school day.

We ensure that the school site is secure, that playground gates are locked once the children have arrived at school and fences are well maintained. Visitors to the school can only then enter the school site by the pedestrian gates and have to report to the main office. Each visitor has to sign in and is given a visitor badge. Staff would then be alerted if they saw a visitor without a badge and would raise awareness.



Regular volunteers and college/university students that work in the school have undertaken a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and have had safeguarding training with one of the DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead).

Lucy Owens
Designated Safeguarding Leader

Governors' Corner

It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in school this week. On behalf of the governors, I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all the children for their Nativity performances as well as a massive thank you to all the staff for their hard work, not only for producing such amazing plays, but throughout the term. Can I also thank you, parents, for all your support for the school and wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Sue Nelson
Chair of Governors

Reminders:

Junior School Transfer/ Reception 2019

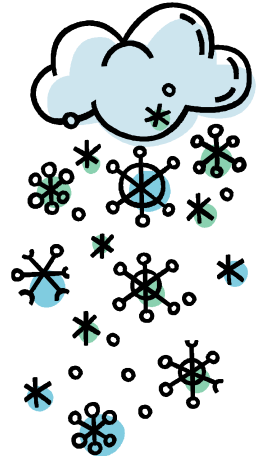


Please note that the **deadline for applications is 15th January 2019**. For those of you who have younger children due to start school in September 2019 please make sure that you apply for your place by the closing date of **15th January 2019**. These deadlines are extremely important and we have had parents in the past miss out on places as their paperwork was not submitted on time.

School Closure Procedures

We can assure you that we do not take the decision to close the school lightly and only do so when deemed absolutely necessary.

If the situation does arise, please check the school website or listen to Spirit FM, Splash FM or Heart FM who read out lists of school closures regularly between 7.15am and 9.30am and detail local school closures on their websites. In addition, if we have your mobile number then you will receive a text message via the 'Call Parents' alert system. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Fiona Waller and Mrs Sue Woodcraft who send out the text alerts and update the website in order to inform parents and staff as quickly as possible.



Dates for your Diary

Attached are some dates for you to note on your calendar, please check each newsletter for any updates or amendments.

On behalf of the staff and myself, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Claire New

Claire New (Mrs)
Headteacher





Diary Dates

- Monday 17th December - 9 – 10am Open Morning – all welcome
1.30pm Christmas Service at St Mary's Church
- Tuesday 18th December - am Whole School Pantomime 'Thumbelina'
pm Christmas parties
Terms ends at 3.15pm
- Wednesday 19th December - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils**

The term will restart for the children on Thursday 3rd January 2019

- Friday 4th January - WOW Start Y2 – Chef & Builder
- Thursday 14th February - Term ends at 3.15pm

The term will restart for the children on Monday 25th February 2018

Other INSET days:- Friday 15th February 2019
Friday 24th May 2019
Monday 24th June 2019 *

**** changed from Friday 15th March 2019**

