



Thursday 1st December 2016

Term Dates 2016-2017

5 Sep- 21 Oct
31 Oct - 20 Dec
3 Jan - 10 Feb
20 Feb - 7 Apr
24 Apr - 26 May
5 Jun - 21 Jul

INSET DAYS

5.9.16
21.10.16
3.1.17
20.2.17
5.6.17

Public Holiday

May Day - Monday 1st May

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Newsletter

"We care about each other"

Christmas is fast approaching and this month's newsletter includes information about upcoming festive events.

Advent Storytelling Day

Tomorrow we begin our advent preparations and begin by spending the morning listening to the Christmas story.

Church Services

We are delighted to be able to inform parents that our church at Taddington has begun to have a 'family worship' service on the first Sunday of every month. These services are led by Sue Bamping and the children will have an opportunity to work with Sophie Etchells during the service. All families are welcome to attend.

Music Events

On Tuesday our year 3 and 4 children took part in the singing workshop at Pilsley School.

Football

Last week's matches at the Arc:

We are very proud of our football team who won all 3 matches at the Arc last week. This is an amazing achievement.

Carol Singing

We will be carol singing in the village on Friday 9th December (weather permitting) with year 2, 3 and 4 children. If you know of anyone in the village who would welcome our children singing, please let us know. Please can all year 2, 3 and 4 children bring a Christmas hat to wear.

Olympic Athlete

Unfortunately, due to training commitments and events we have had to postpone our athlete event. This is now due to take place on Friday 9th December. We thank you all for your patience and for the donations which have been sent into school.

Bags2School

This raised £33.20. Many thanks for your support.

Children in Need

This year we raised £65.20 from our 'non uniform' day. Many thanks for all your support.

Christmas Fair

Tomorrow's Christmas Fair after school. Our year 5 and 6 children have prepared some stalls and any children who are able to attend will be asked to sing Christmas Carols at approximately 3:15pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Attendance

We were delighted to be able to give out attendance certificates to 22 of our children last half term for 100% attendance.

Overall our school attendance figures for last half term are below the level required by the DfE. By October break we were at 94.21%. Please could all parents support us in promoting and encouraging our children; and celebrating with those children whose attendance is good.

Safeguarding

Later this term we are having a visit from the police service to talk to our year 5 and 6 children about staying safe online. Particularly they will be talking about the messages that we send using mobile phones, e-mail and social media.

Car Seats

A number of parents have mentioned changes to car seats which comes in to force this month. Guidance from the government can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules/using-a-child-car-seat-or-boosters-seat> . I would suggest that parents take a look at this as some information in recent press may have been misleading. All children under 135cm are required to have the appropriate car seat.

Seat Belts

It has also come to our attention that there are a small number of parents picking children up from school in their cars without fitting seat belts before setting off. Can I please ask those parents to be particularly careful about ensuring that small children's seat belts are checked and securely fastened as seat belts save lives.

Parking

A reminder that the zig-zag lines outside school are a no parking area. This area is marked to ensure the safety of our children.

Christmas Concert

Rehearsals for our production of 'Straw & Order' are well under way. Performances will be at 2pm and 6.30pm on Thursday 15th December. Please complete the attached slip for tickets which are available at a cost of £3 each. We will initially limit tickets to 2 per family but will endeavour to hand out as many extra tickets as we can at the end of next week.

Christmas Cards

The postbox is now out in the school entrance ready for the children's Christmas cards to each other.

Christmas Jumper Day

On 16th December children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school. This is also Christmas craft and Christmas lunch day so we look forward to a very festive day.

Party Food

The Christmas Party food list will be going up in school next Monday. Could we ask parents to sign up for one item per child.

Family Worship

Due to Christmas activities we will not be holding Family Worship in school until January.

IMPORTANT

We have been informed that by January 2017 pupil records must include the information shown on the attached slip. Would you please let us have this information as soon as possible. Many thanks for your help with this.

Diary Dates

- 2.12.16 - Advent Storytelling day
- 2.12.16 - PFA Christmas Fair
- 14.12.16 - 9.45am Crib service in Church
- 15.12.16 - 2pm and 6:30pm - Christmas play
- 16.12.16 - Christmas craft day and Christmas lunch
- 19.12.16 - Children's Christmas party
- 20.12.16 - 2:15pm Christmas service in Church
- 20.12.16 - Finish for Christmas

Christmas Break

- 3.1.17 - INSET day
- 4.1.17 - Children return after the Christmas Break

Straw & Order Tickets for Thursday 15th December 2016

Name: _____

We would like ____ tickets for the 2pm performance

We would like ____ tickets for the 6.30pm performance

(Initially 2 tickets per family - we will endeavour to issue extra tickets at the end of next week)

I enclose £_____

CONFIDENTIAL - pupil records update

Child/Children's name(s)

Pupil Nationality

Country of Birth

Information provided by (Parent/Guardian)