

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 4th December 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

5NL Class Assembly: This morning's assembly by 5NL was a wonderful insight into their creative curriculum topic this term. Every child had a character that they played, from soldiers signing up to fight for their country, to the women who stepped up into the factories. The children showed how the sirens would signal the bombing raids and how people had to go to the shelters for safety. 5NL used information from their visit to The Herbert Art Gallery and the Transport Museum to bring their assembly to life.

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Kyron-Lee Spencer, Riyam Keita, Ruvarashe Kandengwa and Vasni Muanza, who all received Headteacher Awards this week.

Golden Tickets: The children who have been rewarded with Golden Tickets today and have been selected to sit at the 'Top Table' next week are:

| Year Group | Children | Year Group | Children |
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| R | Ekaterina and Lewis | 4 | Alfie and Adam |
| 1 | Shannon and Lexie | 5 | Ya-Awa and Andre |
| 2 | Zuzanna and Bart | 6 | Szymon and Tyla |
| 3 | Jakub and Brean | | |

Year 3 and 4 Football Match: On Wednesday, some of our Year 3 and 4 children competed in a football tournament at the AT7 Centre. They did extremely well and won two of their matches, including a Moat House first ever victory against Richard Lee Primary School! This is an especially amazing achievement because the team only had a limited amount of time to practise before the tournament. A special mention must go to Nathaniel, who was the top scorer with a total of four goals.

School Meal Procedures: The new school meal procedure is proving to be very successful and by enabling the children to select the meal that they would most like at the beginning of the school day, there has been a lot less food wasted and more satisfied children. We are in the processes of improving the system by taking photographs of each meal, so that the younger children know exactly what the meal they choose will look like. We are very grateful for your support and would like to ask you to discuss which meal your child would like each day; this will be especially helpful for our younger children in Reception and Year 1. Please note that next week the kitchen will be cooking week three of the rolling menu programme.

Free School Meals: From 11th December 2015 entitlement to free school meals will be assessed as part of Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support claims. From this date, all new family claimants for Housing Benefit will automatically be assessed for their children's entitlement to free school meals. You may have received a letter from The Benefits Service advising that you may be eligible to claim free school meals. If you have received a letter, please can I urge you to complete and return it as soon as possible. Even if you do not want your child to have a free school meal, by completing this letter you could raise up to an extra £1,320 per annum for six years for Moat House (funded by central government). This will help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for your child.

Visit to St. Chad's Church: As a result of two very successful church visits last year, we will once again be taking the whole school to visit our local church, St. Chad's, on Wednesday 16th December. The children will have the opportunity to see what a church looks like at this time of year and how it changes through the seasons.

Foundation Requests: If you have any spare clothes aged 3 - 4 or 5 - 6, then our Nursery team will be very grateful for any donations. As our younger children tend to have toileting accidents, it is useful for us to have spare clothes in school.

If you have any old kitchen utensils, our Foundation team would be grateful for any donations, as they are developing their mud kitchen. This could include old saucepans, frying pans, wooden spoons or any other serving equipment. Even broken or rusty items will be gratefully received!

Cook and Eat Well: From January to March, Coventry City Council are holding healthy cooking courses in a variety of city locations. The courses are free of charge and are a fantastic way to learn new ways to feed the family. You can book online at www.cookandeatwell.co.uk or see our school website for further details.

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

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| Monday 7 th December | - | Non-uniform day |
| Wednesday 9 th December | - | YN & YR Christmas Performances (9:30 am & 2:15 pm) |
| Thursday 10 th December | - | KS1 Christmas Performances (9:30 am & 2:00 pm) |
| Monday 14 th December | - | Winter Fayre |
| Wednesday 16 th December | - | Whole school church visit |
| Thursday 17 th December | - | KS2 Carol Concert (9:30 am) |
| Thursday 17 th December | - | Talent Show |
| Friday 18 th December | - | FS Trip to Snowdome |
| Friday 18 th December | - | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 18 th December | - | Christmas break |
| Monday 4 th January | - | Teacher Training day (<i>children should not attend school</i>) |
| Tuesday 5 th January | - | Children return to school |
| Friday 12 th February | - | Half term break |
| Monday 22 nd February | - | Children return to school |
| Thursday 24 th March | - | Easter break |
| Monday 11 th April | - | Children return to school |
| Monday 9 th May | - | SATs week for Year 6 |
| Thursday 26 th May | - | Half term break |
| Friday 27 th May | - | Teacher Training day (<i>children should not attend school</i>) |
| Monday 6 th June | - | Children return to school |
| Tuesday 19 th July | - | Summer break |
| Wednesday 20 th July | - | Teacher Training day (<i>children should not attend school</i>) |

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*

Letters that were sent home this week:

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| Tuesday 1 st December | - | Winter Fayre (Whole school) |
| Thursday 3 rd December | - | Carol Concert at Grace Academy (Year 6) |

**Attendance
(for last week):**



Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 95.8%

The class with the best attendance last week was: 4SG with 99.1%

Attendance money won last week: £5.00 - 5NL, £2.50 - 1JG