

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 11th December 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

3DG Class Assembly: 3DG proved themselves to be true professionals in this morning's class assembly. With very little time to rehearse, they managed to produce a fantastic assembly around the theme of love. They shared what love means to them through video clips and a song. They also amazed everyone with their ability to say the word "love" in many different languages - well done to 3DG!

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Cieran Pearson, Myah Roberts and Daniel Jakubec 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
R	Cain and Mia	4	Kellies and Sajad
1	Shannon and Junior	5	Charlie and Nafhat
2	Kayleigh and Morgan	6	Kamil and Marks
3	Abubakr and Sean		

Non-Uniform Day: On Monday, our children were invited to come into school with clothes of their choice in order to contribute an item for the Winter Fayre. We would like to thank you very much for your donations as these will help to ensure that we have a successful Fayre next week. We hope that you will all be able to come along and join us on Monday (3:30 - 4:30) as there will be lots of stalls for adults as well as children to enjoy. We have also received some fantastic donations for our raffle, including figures from the Frozen film, vouchers and free bowling. Please note, there will be no clubs on Monday 14th December as the hall will be out of use.

Christmas Performances: On Wednesday, our children in the Foundation stage produced two fantastic performances, which included songs, actions and acting. The children did extremely well to learn their lines and songs, as well as perform in front of large audiences. Everyone was especially impressed with their beautiful singing and very loud voices! On Thursday, parents were treated to two more amazing performances by our talented Key Stage 1 children. The children performed "Straw and Order" and again learnt lines, songs and actions. A special well done must also go to our soloists, Omar, Devan, Hashim, Olivia, Kiera and Leigha, who were brave enough to sing alone in front of the large audience of friends and family.

Year 6 Carol Concert at Grace Academy: Our Year 6 children have been working with Grace Academy on a weekly basis to develop their singing skills. On Thursday evening, the children were invited to join in with Grace Academy's Carol Concert. They sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "O Holy Night" to an audience of parents and staff. The children all sang their hearts out and enjoyed every bit of it.

Attendance: We are currently trying to improve punctuality at Moat House so that all of our children benefit from being on time and in school for their learning. Next week you will receive a letter about the new lateness procedures that will be in place from January. Starting from the new year, any child arriving after 9:20 am, will be classed as unauthorised for the whole of the morning session. Please look out for the letter which gives more detail about the new procedures.

School Meal Procedures: This week the children have been given wristbands before they collect their school meal. This has enabled the kitchen staff to match the band with the meal to make the new procedure a smooth process and to ensure that children are given their chosen meal. Please note that that next week the kitchen will be cooking week one of the rolling menu programme.

Christmas Jumper Day: You will have received a letter this week about Christmas Jumper Day which is taking place across many schools in the country. We are excited to be taking part and would like to invite children to come to school in their Christmas jumpers in exchange for £1, on Friday 18th December. The collected money will be donated to three very worthwhile charities.

Car Park Procedures: As a result of several recent near misses on school grounds, we will be trialling a "drop-off zone," from next week. From Monday, parents will be able to drive across the zebra crossing (within the school grounds) and pull over further along the road outside the school building, but close to the Children's Centre. At this point (which will be clearly visible) parents will be able to drop off their children before continuing to drive through the car park to exit the school grounds. One of our Site Service Officers will be on duty to ensure that dropped off children are delivered safely into school and to ensure that the system runs smoothly. Please may we remind you to drive with extra caution on the school premises.

Events at St Chad's: On Thursday 17th December, from 3 - 4.30pm, there will be a Santa's Grotto with a free present for every child, plus refreshments for the grown-ups (in partnership with Whitefriars). On Saturday 19th December at 6pm there will be a Christmas Concert and buffet with the Potter's Green Ladies Community Choir. The cost for this is £1 per adult and 50p per child.

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

- Monday 14th December - Winter Fayre (3:30 pm - 4:30 pm)
- Wednesday 16th December - Whole school church visit
- Thursday 17th December - KS2 Carol Concert (9:30 am)
- Thursday 17th December - Talent Show
- Friday 18th December - FS Trip to Snowdome
- Friday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 18th December - Christmas break
- Monday 4th January - Teacher Training day (*children should not attend school*)
- Tuesday 5th January - Children return to school
- Friday 12th February - Half term break
- Monday 22nd February - Children return to school
- Thursday 24th March - Easter break
- Monday 11th April - Children return to school
- Monday 9th May - SATs week for Year 6

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*

Letters that were sent home this week:

7 th December - Christmas Party letter (Year 4)	10 th December - Christmas jumper day (whole school)
9 th December - Diary dates (Nursery)	11 th December - Pentathlon (Year 6 athletes)
9 th December - St Chad's Church visit (whole school)	

**Attendance
(for last week):**



Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 95.4%

The class with the best attendance last week was: 4SG with 99.5%