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NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term No 4

Thursday 7th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

CHRISTMAS FAYRE TOMORROW

Our Christmas celebrations get off to a start today with Christmas Lunch – and tomorrow, **Friday 8th** – is our **Christmas Fayre**. Please come along – and bring friends and family at **3.30 pm** for . . .

- Games – Knock the Can, Throw the Hoops and many more
- 50 p stall
- Lucky Dip
- Guess the Number of Jelly Beans
- Face Painting
- Cakes, Savoury Snacks, Burgers and Chicken Wings

. . . and of course, **Santa's Grotto** and **Raffle Prizes**.

New Playground Equipment & Building Update

It has been great to see the new playground equipment for Key Stage 2 in use at last this week. This is a super addition to our provision for the children, and I'm really pleased that the older children have the chance to do climbing, swinging and balancing exercise on a regular basis now. (The playground has been funded out of the school capital development budget, and came in at just over £25,000 – about half of this amount was the cost of the special safety play surface – the 'green bouncy floor' as one of the children described it to me.) Thanks also to parents who have supported us with keeping children away from the equipment when it is not supervised at the start and end of the school day.

The next steps . . .

- We are planning for an 'official' opening of the new building in January. It is almost finished inside, and you can now see the canopy starting to go up too. The final stage will be for part of the playground to receive a new layer of fresh tarmac.
- We are beginning to look at new playground furniture and additional play equipment (for example, I hope that we can buy new tables/chairs, and an outdoor table tennis table.) I will be speaking to the PFA early in January to show them some of my ideas, and to ask them to fund some of this new equipment.

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Your fundraising efforts over the past couple of years have been fantastic, and playground equipment and furniture is something that **everyone** benefits from every day.

Christmas Jumpers for Charity

Next Friday 15th December children may come to school in **Christmas Jumpers** for a 50 p fine. We will be donating our fines to the charity Crisis at Christmas.

Welcome to Mrs Parnell

I am delighted to let you know that we will be welcoming a new teacher to our school in January – Mrs Vicki Parnell will be joining us as an additional cover teacher Wednesday – Friday. She joins us after her maternity leave from a school in Romford where she has been working as a Year 6 teacher. Mrs Parnell will teach: Year R on Wednesdays; Year 3 and Year 4 on Thursdays; and Year 5 on Fridays.

Christmas Dates

A reminder of **all** our Christmas dates and times below. **Please** arrive in good time for our two plays – latecomers may have to wait outside the hall for a break in the performance.

Friday 8th December	PFA Christmas Fayre, 3.30 pm
Thursday 14th December	Infant Nativity Play for Parents, 2 pm
Friday 15th December	Awards Assembly, 9.10 am – Parents and Friends Welcome
<i>followed by</i>	10 am Parents' Goodbye Coffee Morning for Ms Davies
Tuesday 19th December	Junior Christmas Play for Parents, 2 pm
Wednesday 20th December	End-of-Term Assembly for Ms Davies, 9.10 am, Parents and Friends Welcome

We break up for Christmas at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 20th December.
Children return to school for the spring term on **Wednesday 3rd January**.

With best wishes,

Mike Hirst,

Headteacher