



# Newsletter

AUTUMN 2017 – NUMBER 6 – MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Dear Parents and Carers

## Term Dates

A number of you have been asking about term dates for the next two school years. These are now on our website. Go to the home page and they are on the "About" menu. Hopefully you will be using the term dates to avoid booking holidays in term time as you are aiming for your children to have 100% attendance!

## Hello, goodbye

Mrs Nash will be leaving us at the end of December to enable her to care for her ageing father, we wish her well for the future. We are very pleased to have Mr Wilson to replace Mrs Nash; he has already settled well with his class and will be with us until the end of the school year. We also welcome Rebecca Cornish and Leanne Cooper to our Nursery team. We will be saying goodbye to Mr Middleton at the end of the week, he has been teaching a Y4 class alongside Mrs Martin. We also say a temporary "cheerio" to Mrs Martin who begins her maternity leave after Christmas. We are interviewing for the Y4 teacher to replace them today and I will let parents of Mrs Martin's class know the outcome of the interviews tomorrow.

## Morning drop-off in the Infants

Firstly, thank you all so much for sticking with our no-buggy rule. I hope the buggy crèche is working out OK. Just a reminder that we are very happy for you to stay in class with your children in the morning before the bell goes. This is a great time to engage in activities with your child. Don't feel like you have to drop off and scarpers.

## Breakfast Club – Junior School Hall

We are re-launching Breakfast Club in the New Year. Look out for the letter for more information.

## Schools Out

Our School's Out Club is a valuable resource and is used by many of you to help with childcare and provide fun activities for the children before and after school. The cost for this provision has remained the same for some time, despite rising running costs. Therefore, we will be

increasing the cost of sessions from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 in order to ensure that School's Out remains viable. The new charges will be as follows:

- Breakfast Club: £5
- After School Club: £10
- Both Breakfast & After School Club: £13 (if sessions are taken on the same day)

You will have received a letter giving more details and I hope you understand the need for this price increase.

## Vaping on school grounds

All school sites around the country are smoke-free, for pretty obvious reasons. There is also ample evidence to suggest that vaping is less harmful than smoking. However, for the purposes of our schools, I would like the same rules to apply to both. Ideally I would like all parents and carers to refrain from smoking and vaping anywhere near the school and even on the walk to school when children are present. Clearly, though, this is your choice. So, from now on, please do not vape on the school grounds. Thanks for your understanding.

## Christmas stuff ...

- **Junior Christingle Service:** this will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm at St Boniface Church. You are all welcome, although it will be a squeeze! If you come, please read the order of service as it contains information about collecting children at the end of the service. We will be collecting for St Petrock's at the end of the service, so please bring along whatever you feel you can.
- **KS1 Christmas Performance:** Y1 and 2 will be putting on a Christmas performance on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am; all welcome.
- **PSA Christmas Bingo:** Tonight, doors open at 4.30pm; eyes-down at 5.00pm.
- **Singing at Sainsbury's:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm, please be aware the shop is open as normal, so please do not block the doorways.
- **Christmas Lunch:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (if you did not pre-order please send a packed lunch for your child).

## Outdoor Play and Learning

Our OPAL goes from strength to strength. Friday was the first of our Federation Fridays where Y2 children shared the field with the older children. We all had great fun as you can see.

