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Dear Parents

Welcome back

Welcome back after the half term break. The children were certainly ready for some recuperation after an eight week half term. As always, our Christmas half term is going to be extremely busy.

Bug Club

Everyone should now have been allocated new Bug Club books by their teacher and all children are bringing home a reminder of their login details. Reception children will also have a letter explaining more about Bug Club and instructions on how to use the website. If anyone has any problems accessing the site or with their login details please can they speak to Mrs Moore in 2M.

2M Parent Lunch

We look forward to welcoming 2M parents for lunch on Thursday. Please remember it is just for one parent per child and you must have pre-booked. Parents are asked to arrive just before 12 pm.

Town Hall Concert

On Wednesday 21st November many of our musicians and singers will be performing along with a handful of other schools at the Town Hall. The concert will begin at 7.00pm and tickets are available from Burton Mail offices. Parents of performers should have already received an initial letter from Mrs Lawrie outlining the arrangements, more information to follow next week for all the children who are taking part.

Mrs Bird's Retirement



Mrs Bird said an emotional farewell to the children and staff on the last Friday after having her photograph taken with a few of the children for the Burton Mail. She has sent us a lovely thank you card with the following message;

I would just like to thank you all for my lovely gifts I received on my last day as the schools lollypop lady, the flowers still grace my dining room table and continue to fill the air with their perfume. I didn't realise until I got home my 'lollypop card' contained pictures drawn by all the children, please thank them for all their hard work. I will treasure it. I have redeemed my gift tokens, another surprise from you, by buying a garden statue of Hercules now named Thomas. I managed to stay composed on the day until 3.15pm when the children left school and as they crossed I got lots of hugs and kisses, that did bring a lump to the throat and a sting to the eyes.

I shall think of you all fondly. Many thanks to you all. Mrs Bird

School Council Representatives

We would like to congratulate our new school council representatives who were chosen by their classes earlier on this week. We are sure they will make a fantastic team and make some very important decisions on behalf of all of the children in school over the next year. They are as follows:

2M - Charlotte Brammer

- Isaac Gill

2K - Lewis Da Rosa

- Niamh Jones

1S - Megan Dyer

1W - Jasmine Simmonite

RR - Molly Elsigood

RL - George Kugelmann

Children In Need

On Friday 16th November the school will be helping to support Children In Need. The school council have decided that they would like the children to dress in spots (or stripes) and bring a bear to school for the day, in return for a donation for this worthy cause. We hope you are able to support this event.

Happy Bags

Please de-clutter your wardrobe and fill your 'Happy Bags' which were distributed before half term and return to school next Wednesday 14th November before 9.30am. The more we collect the more the PTA will raise for school.

Pantomime Adult Helpers

We would like to thank any parents who have offered help for the pantomime but we now have the maximum number of helpers that we are permitted.

Upcoming Dates

PTA quiz night - time TONIGHT 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start

2pm Wednesday 5th December - Reception class nativity

9.15 - 10.15 am Thursday 6th December - Mini Enterprise Sale (children selling their Christmas wares to parents) -

Friday 7th December - Non uniform day in return for a donation of chocolates or bottles for the Christmas Tombola.

9.00am Thursday 13th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Play (2K and 1S)

2.00 pm Thursday 13th December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Play (2M and 1W)

Friday 14th December - Whole school visit to Peter Pan Pantomime at Derby Assembly Rooms (please remember that all children will require a packed lunch on this day)

Friday 14th December 6 pm - Christmas Fayre

Thursday 20th December - Christmas lunch and party

Friday 21st December - 2.30 pm Christmas Sing A Long for children and parents

Workers of the Week

Our well deserving children for 'Worker of the Week' this week are:

2K - Maddy Groves for super adjectives in her poetry

2M - Jed Bavester for super poetry writing about the night sky

1W - Elyssia Fern for trying hard with her writing

1S - Lewis Boulter for following his own design to build a fantastic house out of junk material

RR - Samih Hussain for super maths work - ordering and what comes before/after

RL - Thomas Keasley for lovely writing about our Harvest Festival

Keep up the super work children!

Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend.

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

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