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'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'
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Dear Parents

Townhall Music Concert

Congratulations to all of our musical performers who attended the concert on Wednesday evening. The children, along with the help of Mrs Lawrie, Mrs Smith, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Byers have been spending lots of time practising over the last few weeks and it certainly showed. We were very proud of all of them. Well done.

It was also lovely to see the progress that past pupils of ours have made when the Juniors performed. They did a super job and brought a tear to the eye of all of our staff and many parents with their professionalism and talent.

Mr Morley

Mr Morley, our caretaker is to be taking some time off as he is soon to be expecting the arrival of an 18 month old little girl as he and his wife have been accepted as adoptive parents. This is wonderful news and we wish him and his wife all the very best. Our thoughts will be with them during their exciting but slightly nerve wracking time ahead. Mr Ashmore (our casual handyman) will be taking over Mr Morley's duties until his return after Christmas.

Reception Nativity

Our Reception children will be performing their nativity to parents on Wednesday 5th December at 2pm. It is always a lovely festive occasion and definitely marks the start of our Christmas celebrations in school. There are usually many 'ahhhs' and 'oohhs' heard from within the audience and a few damp eyes. Due to space restrictions can we please ask that only 2 family members attend per Reception child. Thank you.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Plays

The year 1 and 2 Christmas plays are split into 2 performances to enable us to invite more parents along than we would otherwise be able to accommodate. Therefore, as you are aware



2K and 1S parents are invited along at 9.30 am on Thursday 13th December and 2M and 1W parents at 2pm. Due to space restrictions can we please ask that only 2 family members attend. Thank you.

Whole School Pantomime Visit

The whole school will visit Derby Assembly Rooms to see 'Peter Pan' on Friday 14th December. The PTA has very kindly offered to subsidise the trip, paying the cost of the coaches and £3.00 per child towards the ticket costs. We will be leaving school just after 9.00am and returning for lunch. Can we ask that all children arrive a little earlier to school that day. Gates will be open from 8.35am and we need all children to be at school for 8.45am. If you have older children at the junior school we have made them aware that there may be a few slightly later arrivals on this day. Please can all children bring in a packed lunch on this day, as our exact return time to school is uncertain. Children who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch by school if you require one. Can you let the office know as soon as possible if this is the case, as the cook has to pre order the packed lunch. Your child will not need any money on the day, as the school will provide a drink and a snack for the interval.

Christingle Service

St James' Church, Main Street, Barton under Needwood, invites children, parents and friends to a Christingle Service on Sunday 2nd December at 6.00 pm. The service lasts about 45 minutes and will appeal to all ages. The theme will be 'light' because it is Advent Sunday. During the service every child will receive a Christingle, which will be lit and the lights turned off. All the money collected on the night - in collecting tubes, special envelopes and cash on the collecting plate - will go to support The Children's Society. Tubes are now available from the school office if you would like to collect one and return to church on the evening. The Children's Society helps children in this country of all faiths including children at risk on the streets, disabled children, young refugees, young carers and those within the youth justice system. They also have a dedicated Christingle section on their website if you would like an illustration: just google Children's Society-Christingle. Further details from Rev Andrew Ridley, 01283 712359, arceridley@btinternet.com and at 3 Church Lane, Barton.

Country Dancers

Country Dancing club is cancelled on Tuesday 27th November, due to 2K parent's evening being rescheduled for the same evening.

Mrs Kendrick

We would like to share the wonderful news that Mrs Kendrick one of our lunch time supervisors gave birth to a little girl last week on the 14th November, weighing 4lb 13oz. They have named her Jasmine and everyone at school sends their best wishes to the family.

Year 2

In a step to encourage the independence of the year 2 children, can parents please remind them to hand in correspondence from home out of their book bags. Thank you.

Workers of the Week

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

2K - Noah Woollaston for fantastic phonic work

2M - Ruby Wright for fantastic ordering of months of the year

1S - Ruby Welsford for working hard all week in maths

1W - Monty Cowgill for writing a super new story

RR - Eve Greensmith for blending sounds to make words

RL - Louise Moore for fabulous counting in 2's

Keep up the super work children!

TRISPTA

The PTA continue to work tirelessly to raise extra money to support our children in school and after spending funds on new books including the Bug Club e books and new maths resources for classrooms last term, the funds continue to mount up from recent events. TRISPTA have now agreed to help us to pay for the new ICT server that we have recently had installed which will soon be of benefit to all of our children. Thank you; we really do appreciate the benefits of such support.

Please find a Christmas newsletter, detailing the TRISPTA forthcoming events in book bags tonight.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

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