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Dear Parents

Christmas cards

Our Christmas tree arrived this morning so it really does feel now as though Christmas is on its way. As always we still have a busy few weeks ahead. The children's Christmas card post box will be available in the library for the children to post their cards from Monday. We do encourage the children to use this rather than give them out individually in classes as we are sure you can imagine the chaos that can arise. Please make sure that names and classes are clearly written on the envelopes to enable the year 2 volunteers to deliver them to the correct people.

Mini Enterprise Week

This will take place next week in school with all classes having received a budget. As a class they decide which products they would like to make and sell at the mini enterprise sale on the morning of Thursday 6th December between 9.15 - 10.15 am. They take responsibility for the ordering of the materials in the aim to make as large a profit as possible. It really does become quite competitive amongst the children and the staff. We do hope you can attend our sale on Thursday morning and support the children. If you are unable to attend please feel free to send in a donation to purchase your child's product.

Colouring Competition

In your child's book bag tonight there is a colouring competition organised by John Taylor students, to raise money for the World Challenge trip to Asia they will be participating in. If your child wishes to enter, please have the colouring sheets returned to school by Friday 14th December and winners, selected by the John Taylor pupils, will be awarded prizes in assembly on Tuesday 18th December. Thank you.

Dates for Forthcoming Events



Reception Nativity - Wednesday 5th December - 2pm

Mini Enterprise sale - Thursday 6th December - 9.15 - 10.15 am

Non uniform day - Friday 7th December

KS1 Christmas Plays - Thursday 13th December (2K and 1S 9.30 am - 2M and 1W 2pm)

Whole school to Derby Assembly rooms - Friday 14th December

Christmas Fayre - Friday 14th December - doors open at 6pm.

Christmas lunch and party afternoon - Thursday 20th December

Friday 21st December - Christmas Sing a Long - 2.30 pm (can we please ask that only 1 family member attends due to space restrictions.)

Workers of the Week

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

2K - Two next week

2M - Tom Stewart for super subtraction

1W - William Castle for writing a great information book about bats

1S - Aaniya Hussain for excellent work on labelling a bat

RR - Harvey Lewis for fabulous reading of 'cvc' words

RL - Dylan Newman for super reading

Keep up the super work children!

TRISPTA

Our PTA team have been busy planning for one of our largest fund raisers of the year; our Christmas Fayre. An awful lot of work goes in to making this a success from sourcing raffle prizes, organising stalls and stall holders, arranging for Santa to visit, purchasing and wrapping the children's gifts, etc, etc. The team will be meeting Monday evening to finalise arrangements.

Any offers of help, even it is just an hour, either during the day on Friday 14th or during the event itself would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please speak to the school office or a member of the PTA.

A non uniform day has been arranged for Friday 7th December in return for a bottle or a box of chocolates which will be used on our adult and children's tombola stalls. Thank you in advance.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

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