



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome Assembly – Fledglings & Y4

The Year 4 and Fledgling children put on a marvellous Welcome Assembly last week and it was lovely to see so many of the parents there to support them. George is currently editing the film footage he took on the day. If you would like access to this please contribute £5 via Scopay and we will send the link/code to you when we receive it.

Cuckoo Club – New Phone Number

A reminder that, should you need to contact Mrs Berry or the Cuckoo club staff once the school office closes at 3.30pm, please call **07966 310077**. Please save the number in your phone so it is to hand if you need to get a message to them.

Friends AGM

There were a few people who attended the AGM last week but they are still in desperate need of support from other parents to help spread the load.

We are particularly looking for volunteers to help serve mulled wine and mince pies at the upcoming Carol concerts. If you are able to offer some help on an evening when you do not have a child performing, please do get in touch with your class rep or me and hopefully we can build up small teams that will allow everyone the opportunity to watch their child perform without having to serve others. The dates of the Year group performances are listed for your convenience;

Fledglings 14th December @ 9.30am

Y1 20th December @ 6pm

Y2 5th December @ 6pm and 7th December @ 9am

Y3 19th December @ 6pm

Y4 14th December @ 6pm at St Edward's Church Alma Road

Please do get in touch if you can help.

Parents Gift Room

At the AGM we decided that we would try to reintroduce this once popular Christmas initiative.

The idea is that we ask you to send in to school any unwanted gifts that you may have. During the last week of term, in return for a small cost, all the children across the school will have the opportunity to visit the present room and select a gift for someone special. School staff will then help the children to wrap the gift and they will bring it home to put under the tree, ready for Christmas morning. We would appreciate any donations of wrapping paper or sellotape. Obviously, we will need to have enough gifts to enable all the children to select one so we are reliant on your generosity. If you do have any spare gifts, please do send them in as soon as possible so we can assess whether we need to purchase gifts to supplement your donations.

Pantomime & Reindeer Visit

A gentle reminder to make your payment for the above events as soon as you are able. Please make an appointment to see me if you are unable to meet these costs.

Poppies

The School Council will continue to sell Poppies in the Gazebo at break and lunch times until Friday afternoon. Please give your children money in a named purse or wallet if you wish them to purchase something.

Happy Bags – Collection Tuesday 14th November

The Happy Bag team are collecting from us again next Tuesday, 14th December, the children should bring a bag home with them before the end of the week. Please do fill it (and any other bags you may have!) with any of the items below and place them in the bike shed on Monday or Tuesday morning.

CLEAN women's and men's clothing

CLEAN children's clothing

PAIRED shoes and trainers

Console games and souvenirs

Handbags, belts, hats and accessories

Jewellery, toiletries and perfumes

Bedlinen, towels and soft toys

Christmas Jumpers

If your child has grown out of their Christmas Jumper, please DO NOT add it to the Happy Bags but send it in to school. The Friends are hoping to have a second-hand sale at the Carol concerts.

HCPT Autumn Fayre - Sunday 12th November

There is a Parish Fayre next Sunday 12th November between 12-2pm in St Edward's Parish Centre, fundraising to send children from the Parish to Lourdes next Easter. Tombola, Raffle, Gifts, Christmas stalls and cakes. Please come along & support your Parish HCPT group.

God Bless

Sarah Matthews