



International Food Afternoon

Last week on Friday 24th November, we held an International Afternoon event in our schools community hall. Starting at the end of the school day, we had a great turnout throughout, until it finished at 5.30pm when we unfortunately had to bring it to an end.

The idea of these events is to celebrate our diverse community, and that was certainly on show in the food available to buy there. Due to the hard work of the many parents and staff members who were involved, there was a host of delicious treats on offer. A big thank you should also go to the children from Year 4 who kept us entertained playing their music!

This was of course a fundraising event, so we are delighted to say that, with everyone's support, we managed to raise a fantastic £405.05! The PTA have pledged the full amount to go towards enhancing our Reading provision to the children. We would like to say a massive thank you to the numerous people involved and without whose help it wouldn't have been possible.



Pantomime Trip

As you may have seen on ParentMail, we are again this year planning on taking the children in Years 1 - 6 to see a pantomime at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre. The show, which starts at 10.00pm and will see the children back in time for lunch, will take place on Thursday 14th December. If you would like your child to go, then please log in to ParentMail for more details.

We are also asking for parent volunteers to accompany the children, so if you're interested in coming along, please let us know in the office.

Festive Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December there will be a Ferry Lane Festive Funky Fundraising day. On that day everyone can wear ANY jumper (it doesn't have to be christmasy!). All we ask in return is that you donate £1 to the school which will go towards improving the school's outside area. You will be able to make this £1 donation through ParentMail. It will appear in your online shop in the near future.

Monday 4th December:

Football Club

Tuesday 5th:

Stay + Play 9-11.30am

R + Y1 Multisports

Wednesday 6th:

Stay + Play 1.30-3.20pm

Dance Club

Thursday 7th:

Stay + Play 9-11.00am

Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Journalist Club

Multipsorts

Friday 8th:

Parent Coffee Morning - 9.00-12.00 Community Hall

Stay + Play 1.30-3.20pm

Homework Club

Monday 11th:

Football Club

Tuesday 12th:

Stay + Play 9-11.30am

R + Y1 Multisports

Wednesday 13th:

Stay + Play 1.30-3.20pm

Dance Club

Thursday 14th:

Stay + Play 9-11.00am

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ParentMail Club Survey

For next term we plan to end the journalist club and instead run a new one. Last week we sent out a survey on ParentMail asking you to submit any ideas you might have for a new club. So far we have had a good number of responses, but if you haven't already yet, then please do respond as this is your chance to have your say on which clubs are run in the school. Following this survey we will collate all of the suggestions and pick out the most popular choices. We will then send another survey out through ParentMail asking for you to vote on those choices. The winner of the vote will then be the club to run next term in place of the current journalist club on a Thursday.

Whole Class Instrumental Teaching Concert

Year 4 have been hard at work practicing their trumpet and clarinet playing in their weekly lessons with our music teachers and we are now fast approaching their first performance! Each term they will put on a concert for their parents, giving the children a chance to display everything they've learnt up to that point. For the parents of children in Year 4, this first concert will take place on Wednesday 6th December and will start at 9.30am. If you would like to see this performance, all you need to do is arrive at the school for that time. As an added bonus, a select few of the children in Year 5 will also be performing as part of the concert. If your child is one of the ones joining from Year 5, then you are also more than welcome to attend!

Stay and Play Sessions

Why not bring your little ones and come to play in our stay and play sessions! We've been running a new timetable since the beginning of the school year which means we can now offer double the amount of time that we did before each week. You can now come to the community hall on Tuesdays from 9.00-11.30am, Wednesdays from 1.30-3.20pm, Thursdays from 9.00-11.00am and Fridays from 1.30-3.20pm. For more information, please speak to someone in the school's office. We hope to see you there!



Christmas/Term Dates

There's three weeks left until the end of the Autumn Term! The final day for the children will be Thursday 21st December and they will finish at 1.30pm (please make arrangements to pick up your child/ren at that time). The holiday lasts from Friday 22nd December through to Tuesday 2nd January 2018. The children should be back in school on Wednesday 3rd January at the normal time.

Before the term ends there are a few other dates to look forward to. Christmas dinner this year will be on Friday 15th December. Our annual Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday 19th December starting at 9.30am (there will be more information on that following soon). Finally the class parties will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th December.

School Council

Each term the classes have a competition to see which class can raise the most money by saving up their change in a piggy bank. The class that can save the most by the end of the term gets a special reward, such as a class trip. We can now announce that after the closing date today, Year 5 has raised the most this term. Congratulations to them! All of the money raised by the children will go towards improving the outdoor space as part of our focus on healthy eating and exercise.

There was also another competition held a couple of weeks ago to design the heaviest pack lunch and school dinner plate. The winners were Klementyna - year 2 (1st), Jaynel - year 5 (2nd) and Ulyssa - year 6 (3rd). Well done to those three for their fantastic entries!