


All Saints C.E. (C) First School Denstone

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Newsletter

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Ho Ho Ho!

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead of us. This newsletter is packed full of information and dates. Please take time to read it and make a note of all the dates in your diaries.

We would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has helped and participated in the events organised by FOAL, the contribution to our school funds and resources is invaluable and benefits all the children in the school.

This will be our last Newsletter for 2017. So, from all the children, staff and governors we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be taking part in Christmas jumper day on December 15th this year. Our collection will be donated to the Donna Louise Children's Hospice. Please send your child wearing something festive with at least a £1 donation which will be sent to the charity. Thank you.



DIARY



- 5th December - A day of sports and games. Children to come in sports clothing.
- 5th December Dance club ends. Performance for parents.
- 7th December Father John worship.
- 12th December Light up and sing and nativity 6pm.
- 13th December Christmas Dinner.
- 15th December Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December Violin Concert Y3 & Y4 1.15.
- 19th December Christmas party - Disco
End of Term

- 3rd January School closed - INSET for staff.
- 4th January School reopens - Spring term.
- 15th January Application closing date for Reception and Middle School.
- 24th January Years 1 to 4 visit the New Vic theatre to see Treasure Island. Nursery & Reception are joined by St Peter's Alton for a performance of traditional fairy tales.



Christmas post box

The Christmas post box will be in place from the beginning of December until Friday 15th.

Please ensure the recipient's name and class is written on the envelope, as this will help the children who sort and deliver them.



Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 13th December.

The cost remains at £2.20 for a meal and this should be paid in advance (as usual, the meal is free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).



Christmas Party Arrangements

A reminder that our Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 19th which is the last day of term.

The activities will start with a party lunch which will be followed by a Disco. Children can come dressed in party clothes and non-uniform, however, please make them suitable for school.

The cost remains at £2.20 for a meal and this should be paid in advance (as usual, the meal is free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).

Our Nursery and Reception children will be enjoying party games in their classroom after lunch and will re-join the older children in time to see Santa.



Nativity 2017 & Carols

A reminder that our nativity this year will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm. The performance will take place outside on the playground at 6pm and as we haven't got a limit on numbers, everybody is welcome.

For those of you who are unable to make the 6pm performance, we are having a dress rehearsal at 2pm on Monday 11th December. We have also arranged for the local paper to come and take some pictures for the paper on the 11th, so it is important that all children remember their costumes on Friday 8th. Please also ensure your child has warm clothing underneath their costumes on the day.



Book Fair

All the staff would like to say a big thank you for your support with the Scholastic Book Fair. The fair took just over £600 which meant that we received rewards of £300!

We have used the rewards to buy several sets of books for guided reading, a selection of award winning books, reward stickers and three visualisers! These are small cameras that are plugged into the computer and linked to the interactive whiteboards.



We are fortunate to have strong links with our local colleges and universities. During the school year we are welcoming several students who are undertaking school placements as part of their chosen course. They will work under supervision of the class teacher during the school day.



Games Day Tuesday 5th December.

On Tuesday 5th December we have used part of our sports funding grant to treat all the children to a games day organised by Progressive Sports.



Please send your child into school in sports clothes, track suit bottoms/leggings and trainers. Please also ensure your child has a warm top to wear as some of the activities will take place outside.

Sportshall Athletics

A team of children from Yr 3 and 4 took part in a Sports hall Athletics Competition at Utttoxeter Leisure Centre. Well done to all the children that took part, and congratulations to George Critchlow and Abigail Bembridge for winning their medals.

Football

A team of children from Yr 3 and 4 took part in a football competition at Thomas Alleyne's High school. All the children played well.

A special thank you to the parents who came and supported the children on a cold evening.

Parent Invite - Monday 18th December

All Parents are invited to come along to watch the year 3 & 4 children who have participated in our violin lessons. We will also take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to Father John on his retirement.



The show will start at 1.15 and last until 2pm. After this, any parent who wishes to take their child home can do so.

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need - £159 was raised.



Our Poppy Appeal collection raised - £106.23.



FOAL Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Friends of All Saints First School, Denstone?



There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foallsaintsdenstone/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of All Saints First School, Denstone will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.