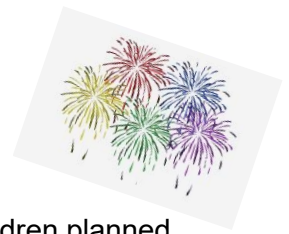




November Newsletter 2021



It's only 53 days until Christmas with so many exciting learning experiences for our children planned between now and then. It was great to finish October with some Halloween madness after a busy month.

Staffing:

We have a few changes of staff. Firstly as you are already aware we have our new Headteacher Mrs Nicola Thomas who we are excited to welcome to our school. We don't yet know when she will officially take up the post but we know she will be keen to get to know all of our wonderful children, staff and parents when she arrives.

Mrs Lynsey Young is no longer with us in nursery as Miss Ashley Campbell has returned from her Maternity leave. Mrs Nicola Wood is also a new permanent addition to our nursery staff.

Mrs Kat Morrison will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 19th November. We look forward to hearing all about her new wee baby when it arrives. Miss Caitlyn Forrest who has already been working closely with Room 11 staff and pupils will be taking on her responsibilities.



After school clubs and school activities:

We have started up several clubs in the past month: badminton for P4 on a Monday, boys football for P6/7 on a Tuesday, netball for P6/7 on a Thursday and a running club for P6/7 will be starting next Wednesday. We are delighted that lots of our children have signed up for these sports clubs. Our 7 a-side football team won their first tournament last week and will attend another one on 11th November. Additional sports activities for our younger children have been arranged for during the school day, Judo taster session for P.1-4 were given on Wednesday 3rd November and starting on Tuesday 9th November 2 week blocks of multi-sports will be delivered by our active schools co-ordinator to Primary 1, 2 and 3. Bikeability training for P.7s started a fortnight ago and the children (and staff) even survived a session in pouring rain. A 12 week block of swimming lessons for primary 5 children begins on Tuesday 16th November. A lunchtime book club, initially for p7 children will start on Monday 8th November. It feels great to be offering these opportunities again!

Toy Sale:



Last year due to the pandemic we were unable to hold our annual toy sale but this year it returns!! Our toy sale will be on Thursday 25th November. Families are invited to have a bit of a pre- Christmas clear out and donate toys and books which are still in good condition. Donations can be brought into school between Friday 19th and Tuesday 23rd November. On the day of the sale children with money will be given the opportunity to visit the toy and book stalls. A maximum of £1 can be spent by any child and initially purchases will be restricted to 1 per child to ensure all classes get the opportunity to buy something if they want to. All money raised will go into the school fund and contribute to Christmas parties.

Bookbug Day:

Our bookbug day will be on Friday 26th November. Primary 1 -3 children will attend a storytelling session in our open area and will bring home a bag of books and activities. We hope families enjoy exploring the resources in the bags together.

Children in Need:

We will have a children in need non uniform day on Friday 19th November. Children can come to school in Pudsey themed clothes if they wish or just simply regular non uniform day clothes. Please remember no football strips at all please. Donations can be made via the Children in need link which will be emailed out to everyone.

Christmas Celebrations:



We remain unable to have parents into our school building for celebrations but we have lots of plans to make this festive time of year special for our children. A full list of Christmas fun will be given in the December newsletter. It will include, parties, stories in the grotto, Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day, Bingo and a winter wonderland walk to see the work of other classes. Our nursery will record their version of the Christmas story to share with family and friends as well as the children in the school. Our P1 – 7 children will record a Christmas show which will also be shared.

Crossing Patrol:

Our crossing patrol is vital to the safety and welfare of our youngsters. We have had several concerning reports about the conduct of some drivers in the area outside the school. We ask that all drivers stop when the crossing patrol sign is raised and that all drivers and pedestrians show respect for the important contribution that our crossing patrol officer makes.

Car park:

We would like to remind you that the school car park is for the exclusive use of School staff and visitors, ASN transport vehicles and drivers with a blue badge. All other vehicles which are dropping off or picking up children at the nursery or school must park elsewhere. The car park at St Ninian's church is available for parking and is only a 2 min walk away.

As always if you have any questions about anything going on in the school please do not hesitate to get in touch.