



SCHOOL NEWS

16th December 2016

Dear Parents,

We have had a very Christmassy week. Monday's trip to Cinderella at the Playhouse was a great success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the performance and many of the adults thought it was one of the best pantomimes they'd seen there for some time. The children were enthusiastic in booing the Wicked Stepmother and calling out: "Look behind you!" Once again we were complimented on our children's excellent behaviour. Thank you to all of you who accompanied us on the bus and walking to the theatre.

The children of Key Stage 2 sang beautifully in church at Tuesday's Carol Concert, "Bells Ring Out". It was lovely to see so many of you there to celebrate with us. Thank you too to our musicians - the orchestra and guitar ensemble started the concert with Christmas carols.

Yesterday there were Christmas parties in each class, games in the hall and a surprise visit from Father Christmas. Thank you to everyone who provided food for the children, they had a great time.

All the staff at school would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Wednesday, 4th January 2017.

Best wishes,
Rosalind Owen

Our Value of the Month for December
is
HOPE

Christmas Jumper Day

It was very colourful in school today, with all the staff and lots of the children decked out in Christmas attire. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to Save the Children. We have raised £200.

Head Teacher's Award

This week Head Teacher's Certificates were awarded to:

Reception:	Zoe and Renee
Year 1:	Elise and Phoebe
Year 2:	Emily and Sebastian
Year 3:	Zaid and Anabel
Year 4:	Jake and Joia
Year 5:	Sarah, Finn and Abby
Year 6:	Isabela and Grace

Star Writer

Jude in Year 5 has added his story, "The Strange World", to the Star Writers' board.

Year 1 Maths Evening

All Year 1 parents are invited to a maths evening on Thursday, 12th January at 6pm. Mrs Archard will be talking about how we teach maths in Year 1 including demonstrating the equipment that the children use in their maths learning. Please come and join us for an hour.

Applications for places in Reception 2017

The deadline for on-time applications for entry to Reception in September 2017 is Sunday 15th January.

Local church Christmas services

St Michael & All Angels, New Marston

Saturday 24th December

5:30pm Crib Service with Nativity, carols and candlelight

11:30pm Midnight Mass with carols and candles

Sunday 25th December

10am Christmas Communion Service

Sunday 1st January

Seasonal Communion Service

St Clements Church

Sunday 18th December

6:30 - 7:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th December

4:00 - 5:00pm Christingle Service

11:00 - 11:45pm Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December

10:30 - 11:30am Christmas Celebration

Mickey's

Mickey's will be holding their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, 18th January at 6pm. This is your opportunity to discuss everything to do with Mickey's, including the proposal to move booking and payment to an online system. Information about the website Mickey's are planning to use can be found at: www.myplayservice.co.uk.

Mickey's are also looking for a Company Secretary to join the committee. If you could volunteer some of your time, please come and talk to us.

School Lunches

The current lunch menu is available on the school website under Documents and Links.

Lunches must be paid for in advance of the meal being taken. You can pay for the week, month or

half term. Should your child be away from school at any time then any lunches paid for will be carried forward. If possible, please pay for school lunches using ParentMail. Any payments by cash or cheque should be made on a **Monday only** in a sealed envelope with the name of your child.

Meals taken in a week	Total for 7 weeks (Starting week beginning 7 th September)
1	£2.10 x 7 days = £14.70
2	£2.10 x 14 days = £29.40
3	£2.10 x 21 days = £44.10
4	£2.10 x 28 days = £58.80
5	£2.10 x 35 days = £73.50

The Universal Free School Meal offer only applies to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 need to pay for lunches.

Dates for the diary:

3rd Jan: INSET Day - no children in school

4th Jan: **Back to school for the start of the Spring Term**

5th Jan, 4pm: Meeting about Year 6 French Trip

6th Jan, 9am: Sharing Assembly (not Year 6)

7th - 14th Jan: Year 6 trip to France

13th Jan: Sharing Assembly (all classes)

12th Jan, 6pm: Maths Evening for Year 1 parents

18th Jan, 6pm: Mickey's quarterly meeting

20th Jan: Sharing Assembly (not Year 1)

25th Jan, 7pm: Full Governing Body meeting

27th Jan: Sharing Assembly (not Year 2)

3rd Feb: Sharing Assembly (not Year 3)

10th Feb: Sharing Assembly (not Year 4)

10th Feb: **Break up for Half Term**

20th Feb: **Back to School**

24th Feb: Sharing Assembly (not Year 5)

2nd Mar, 7pm: Full Governing Body meeting

3rd March: Sharing Assembly (not year 6)

3rd March: **PTA International Evening**