



2nd December 2016

Christmas Fayre

Thank you everyone who supported the FOFs Christmas Craft Fayre last Friday. The event was a great success and although the final total is yet to be confirmed, it is likely that FOFs have raised **at least £1,000!** This is wonderful for the school as without their financial support, we wouldn't be able to enrich the curriculum with the number of day visits, activities and events we currently offer. Thank you FOFs and thank you Emerald Class too as your contribution was great and provided huge amounts of fun for all the children who came along.

Contact Details

We are still expecting some contact sheets back from a few families still so please ensure you check them/update them and return to school by **Monday 5th December.** It's essential that we have more than one current emergency contact number please.

Christmas Post Box for Cards

Each year we have a Christmas card post box for the children to use should they wish to. Emerald children have the privilege of sorting the mail each day and delivering it to the classes in the afternoon so that cards can be opened and taken home at the end of the day. We will be setting up the post box to receive mail **from Monday 5th December.**

Please make absolutely certain that the full name and the class of the recipient is clearly written on the front of the envelope. We have several children who share the same first name and even the same class, so it's very important cards get to who they are meant for. Every year we have many left with no address on and sometimes cards with no message inside so children don't know who they are from!

Children in Need

The Children in Need sponsored event has raised a staggering and incredibly impressive **£810.65** to date with possible a little more to come in! Thank you everyone for your generosity and to the children for their efforts with their sponsored events. What would we do without our amazing School Council and Ms Ashby Otun? They certainly make great things happen!

Unnamed Clothing

Recently we have had a lot of parents coming in to look for lost clothing. We usually manage to track things down but it is especially difficult when the clothing is unnamed. It would be very helpful if all items, especially coats and jumpers/cardigans/hoodies (things children regularly remove) were named. A biro name written on the label will suffice.

School Photos

These have now arrived and are ready for collection from the school office at 8.45am or 3.00pm.

Parking Plea

Earlier this week we were told that some families had to walk their children into the road to get past cars parked on the pavement. We understand that some adults choose to park slightly on the kerb if they have a wide vehicle so they don't block the narrow road, however, please do not block the whole pavement by parking on it so that buggies and wheelchairs cannot get through. Thank you.

New KS1 Sports Club

In January, our sports coach Tim Courridge, will be starting a new sports club after school on Wednesdays for children in Year 1 and Y2 (KS1). A letter will come home about this so that you can express an interest in your child attending.

DIARY DATES

December

Tues 13th – Infant Christmas Performance 2pm

Weds 14th – Christmas Lunch and Infant Christmas Performance evening at 6.30pm
(children needing costumes to come and get ready at 6pm onwards).

Thurs 15th – Christmas Party

Fri 16th – Christmas Christingle Service in St. Peter's in aid of The Children's Society at 2pm
– *Break up for Christmas holiday!*

January

Weds 4th – staff training day

Thurs 5th – children return to school

February

Half-term week is Monday 13th to Friday 17th 2017