



SPARKENHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2019

'Together we can..'



Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are at the end of 2019 already, looking forward to the holidays and the New Year. It has been a lovely term with many trips, activities and assemblies. The children continue to delight us and amaze us with their fantastic attitudes and achievements.

Activities in school

We are having a good sporting year so far. Our football teams are all enjoying success, just like Leicester City! Children have taken part in basketball and dodgeball tournaments as well as athletics and multi sports events.

There have been many trips and activities in school this term. All year groups enjoyed a cinema trip and all year groups have been on visits linked to their topics or had workshops in schools. We are starting to use Parent Pay to send emails to let parents know more about these trips. Please let us know if you find these useful. If you don't know about Parent Pay please ask at the office.

Charity

Thank you to all our families for your generous contributions to our fundraising efforts for the Macmillan coffee morning. We raised a massive £596 for a very worthwhile charity and enjoyed lots of cakes at the same time. The children had a great day for Children in need and we raised £984 which is a massive total. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Bad weather

Now the weather is getting colder, it is important that all children have a suitable coat and shoes to wear outside. We have been very lucky so far this winter but if it does get icy, it is important that children are careful walking on the pavements. The school would only close if the weather was very bad and if it was dangerous for staff and children to get to school. If this was the case, there would be information and updates on the school website and BBC Radio Leicester. We would also send a text message to parents. Please make sure we have your current phone number.

Allergies

We do have children in school who have severe allergies to nuts and some fruits. It is really important that no nuts or food containing nuts are part of packed lunches. This includes packed lunches provided when children go on trips.

It is also really important that any sweets that are sent in for birthdays do not contain nuts. We know it is important for children to celebrate their birthday with their friends but would like to encourage parents to only send in small treats for the children. Other nice ideas are small stationary items. Please do not send birthday cakes as they may contain nuts.

Assemblies

The Year 4 Roman assemblies earlier in the term were amazing as were the recent Year 2 Australia assemblies. The way all the children perform is fantastic and something we are very proud of as a school. These experiences not only help the children learn but also give them so much confidence.

F1 Admissions

We are currently registering children to start in the Nursery in September 2020. This is for children who have their 3rd birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020. Places will start to be allocated after 15th March so if you would like your child to have a morning or afternoon place, please contact the school office to make an appointment. Applications after this date will still be considered if there are places left.

Milk

Parents who pay for school milk should have had a letter to order milk for the spring/summer terms. If you have not had this, please speak to your child's teacher or contact the school office. Orders will be taken up to Friday 20th December and payment needs to be made by Friday 10th January. If you have paid for the spring term already, please ignore the letter.

These are some of the activities, outings and events that are taking place soon. Some of these are activities your child will be involved in at school and others are events which parents are invited to attend.

Monday 9 th December	F2 Nativity play in the Ark - 1.30 pm	Parents are invited
Tuesday 10 th December	F2 Nativity play in the Ark - 9.45 am and 1.30 pm	Parents are invited
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas dinner for children in school	
Monday 16 th December	Christmas parties: F2, Year 1- am; Year 6- pm	In school time
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas parties: Year 1 -am; Year 4-pm F1 - am and pm	In school time
Tuesday 17 th December	F2 Foxes Pantomime trip to De Montfort Hall	In school time
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 6 Warning Zone trip	In school time
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas parties: Year 2-am; Year 5 -pm	In school time
Wednesday 18 th December	Santa's Christmas Ball: 6.00 - 8.00 pm Family event	Tickets available from the Ark
Wednesday 18 th December	F2 Foxes Pantomime trip to De Montfort Hall	In school time
Friday 20 th December	Christmas concert: Years 2, 4 and 6 9.00 am Saxby Hall	Parents are invited
Friday 20 th December	Christmas concert: F2, Years 1, 3 and 5 10.15 am Saxby Hall	Parents are invited
Friday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas Holiday	At 3.00 pm as usual
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	School starts	
Friday 24 th January	Fire Service workshops: Year 1 and Year 5	In school time
Thursday 6 th February	School photo day	
Wednesday 13 th February	4 day residential at Caythorpes	Years 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 13 th February	Science theatre show for KS2 children	
Thursday 27 th February	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parents' Evening	
Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief Day	
Friday 3 rd April	School closes for the Easter holiday	

All invitations to events and assemblies will be sent out nearer the time.

We welcome your views and thoughts and are always around if you need to talk to us. If you would like to raise an issue or ask a question to a member of our Governing Body, please email govs@sparkenhoe.leicester.sch.uk. As always, you can make an appointment if you need to speak to a member of staff in private.

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