

## Our Church School

It was just lovely to share our harvest experience with our partner school from Derby, St Chads. The infants were delighted to receive letters of thanks from their friends and will no doubt be responding in the near future.

The children all enjoyed the puppets of HOW to find out about looking after our world and taking care of the world God made.

This year the Christingle Service will be held in church on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. This will be followed by the nativity on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. We will also have a harpist performing as the congregation arrive for the evening performance. Our final church service of 2014 will be the much loved Carol Service on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.

## ISA – (International Schools Award)

We have replied to letters sent from our partner school in Rivoretto. It really adds a purpose to letter writing and all children enjoyed this as one activity on our special whole-school writing morning. We seemed to have inspired other children with some of the writing activities and we regularly have children bringing in stories and home-made books to share with us, which is definitely worthy of a merit!



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# Mugginton News

The newsletter of Mugginton C E Primary School

## *Message from Mrs. Moore*

*We had a really successful and busy first term in school. It was lovely to see so many parents to discuss the progress made by your children. We are constantly trying to think up new ways to help each and every child to improve their work and it is always good to work as a home/school team to support your child. Children and parents seem to like our writer of the week. We keep asking for feedback from the children too through school council and class discussions and they are only too happy to tell us what they do and do not like! I am sure the children will be more than happy with the arrangements we have made for the festive season. Do bring family and friends along to enjoy all of the planned public events which are listed in this newsletter.*

## Staff

We will welcome two students from Derby University from November to March with a few weeks out during December and January. Ms Burton will be in the infant classroom and Ms Furniss will be in the junior classroom.

## **Friends of Mugginton School (FOMS)**

Our AGM was held on 24th September, and as some of you are already aware, I was elected as the new Chairperson, with Kelly Wainwright being elected as the new secretary. Helen Meredith and Nikola Harris have now stepped down from their posts. Many thanks to Helen and Nikola for all their hard work.

Also thanks to those who were able to help with the recent Halloween cake stall and second hand uniform sale. I am pleased to say that we raised £62.78. So far this school year, the money raised through FOMs has been able to purchase the new playhouse in the playground and fund the coach to the ploughing match. We will also be funding the coach to The Guildhall on 17th December and providing the children with ice creams during this outing.

This term is always a busy one for FOMs. As you will be aware, Claire Cotton, is currently arranging the Cauliflower Cards project, and before we know it we will be helping with the refreshments at the Nativity plays, where we will be selling tickets for the Christmas hampers raffle. We will also be running the usual cake stall and tombola at the Christmas coffee morning. Any donations for these events will be gratefully received.

Our next meeting will be held in The Rainbow Room on Wednesday 19th November at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs Wilson

## **Spare Clothes**

We would be grateful to receive any jogging bottoms which your child has outgrown.

## **Extended School Day**

We are continuing to run the popular pre-school Early Birds Club from 8am every day and a variety of structured after-school clubs each day until 4.30pm. We have an RE morning most Tuesdays and a Cookery club most Thursdays. We strive hard to keep costs for these clubs as low as we can with the average cost being £2.60.

Monday – Street Dance (FREE)

Tuesday – Derby County Football

Wednesday – French

Thursday – Arts and Crafts

Friday - ICT

## **Friday Owls**

Friday Owls will be holding their Christmas Party on

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30am – 11.30am.

## **Governor entry**

### Governor Training

The educational landscape is an ever changing one. Outside agencies regularly plough up existing systems, cut down long-established procedures or sow new ideological seeds. Changes in government are usually responsible for the ideological shifts—new Ofsted criteria, new curricula, new school structures and more. Local events also have a great impact. The Climbié enquiry resulted in the complete re-organisation of the local delivery of services for children and we have yet to see the full impact of the “Trojan Horse” affair in Birmingham.

Governors are expected to be aware of and keep up with the changes to policies and procedures that result from these influences. More outside training for Governors is the official answer to this problem but at £50 - £100 per Governor per session it is expensive and also time-consuming.

With a very limited budget and severe constraints on Governor time we at Mugginton have found other ways to train our governing body. Individuals receive training through the LA, Ofsted or other bodies and we then pass this training on to the rest of the Governing Body with a short training session at every Governor meeting. Governors are kept up-to-date without a huge additional investment in time and with minimal impact on the school budget.

Over the course of the 2014/15 school year each newsletter will provide a short description of the issues that have been recently covered during training sessions at Governor meetings.

## **Read to Feed**

Thank you to all our parents for supporting the children in our sponsored Read to Feed. We are hoping to be able to help some families in Africa and will ask the juniors to work out what it is possible to buy with the funds we have raised. Please send any sponsor money into school before 21<sup>st</sup> November.



## **Birthdays this term**

Happy Birthday to: Harvey, Oliver, McKinley, Huxley,  
Harry, Emily G and Ellie who all have birthdays this term.

## **Postbox**

Parents should make sure that anything that needs to go to the office is posted in the post box in the entrance hall with your child's name on – please do not leave it up to your child as many children do not remember to hand letters and other things left in their bookbags into the office!

### **Individual & Family Photograph**

Tempest photography will be in school on 12th November to photograph children individually and as a family. If you would like younger or older siblings to be included please arrive at school by 1pm.

### **Children in Need - Friday 14th November**

On Friday 14th November Early Birds will hold a cake stall before school to raise funds for Children in Need. Donations of cakes welcome on the morning. All pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a Super Hero for a donation.

### **Swimming**

We have now been given a time slot for junior swimming at the Ashbourne Leisure Centre. We will be taking all of the junior children for swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoon for 10 weeks in the summer term.

### **Recycling**

Thank you to all our parents and community members who contributed to the Devizes collection. We will let you know how much we raised in the next newsletter.

### **Writing**

The children enjoyed listening to Jack Trelawny and using many of his writing tips to improve their own work. Many of the juniors are thrilled that their poetry will be published later this term. We will put the book in the entrance hall for all parents to enjoy.

### **Playground**

We have a notice on the gate to ask all users not to use any wheeled toys in the playground. If you do see anyone using wheeled toys it would be helpful if you could point out the notice.

## Junior Learning for Term 2

### Literacy

**Y3/ Y4**

Fables & myths, Letters, Reports, Poems

**Y5/6**

Poetics style, Plays and scripts

### Maths

Measurement, Calculation, Fractions

### Science

Forces, magnets & movement, Earth sun & movement

### Topic

Remembrance WWI, Life in Tudor Times

### RE

Community

### PE

Gymnastics, 5/60 healthy life programme

### Spanish

Phonic sounds, Spanish Christmas, Espresso

### Art / design technology

Christmas display, Tudor Christmas

### Music

10 piece project, Christmas music

### Computing

Digital media, Sound recording, Composing music

## Infant Learning for Term 2

### Literacy

Fiction, Poetry linked to the sea, Letters, Instructions

### Maths

Fractions, Doubles, Halves, Addition and Subtraction, Time, 3D shape and data, position and direction

### Science

Life and Life Processes: Under the Sea, Floating and Sinking

### Topic

Under the Sea, Continents and Oceans, Ocean Travel

### RE

What do Christians believe?

### PE

Dance, Gymnastics

### PSHE

Role models, Caring and sharing, Belonging

### Art / design technology

Making a raft, Christmas crafts, Cookery

### French

Christmas

### ICT

Algorithms

### Dates for this term

**Library Van**— Thursday 13th & 27th Nov, 4th & 18th Dec

3rd Nov	Pupils return to school
4th Nov	HOW
5th Nov	Devizes Collection
6th Nov	Walking with Dinosaurs Film-Whole School
12th Nov	Individual & Family Photographs - 1pm
14th Nov	Children in Need - (Super Hero and Cakes)
20th Nov	JJB 6-a-Side Football
26th Nov	Dodgeball Team to Ecclesbourne
2nd Dec	Alfreton Sports Event
5th Dec	Christingle Church Service 2.30pm
9th Dec	Nativity in Church 2pm
10th Dec	Nativity in Church 6pm
12th Dec	Friday Owls Christmas Party
15th Dec	Christmas Lunch
16th Dec	Coffee Morning 10am to 11.30am
17th Dec	Naughty Meg and the Christmas Elves, Guildhall
18th Dec	Party Afternoon
19th Dec	End of Term Church Carol Service 2.30pm Break Up

### Advanced notice of dates set for some activities for the rest of the year

7th Jan	Pupils return to school
27th Jan	HOW 'Listening'
6th Feb	End of Term Church Service 2.30pm
16th Feb	Pupils return to school
18th Feb	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm
19th Feb	Parents' Evening 5pm to 7pm
24th Mar	Coffee Morning 10am to 11.30am
27th Mar	End of Term Church Service 2.30pm
13th Apr	Pupils return to school
28th Apr	HOW 'Caring for others'
4th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
11th May	To 15th May SATS Week
22nd May	End of Term Church Service 2.30pm
1st June	Return to school
1st June	Bikeability
15th June	To 19th June Phonics Week
17th June	Whole School Photograph
15th July	School Production Village Hall 2pm
16th July	School Production Village Hall 6pm
24th July	End of Term Church Service