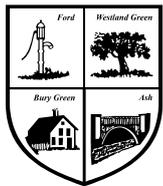


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'Believing and Achieving'

Friday 4th December 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

How impressive was that Bazaar total of £4000! Everyone should be really proud of what was achieved and thanks go to you all!

Busy, Busy Bethlehem

The Dress Rehearsal for the KS1 presentation is on Tuesday 8th December at 10am. Senior Citizens and parents with very young children are welcome to join us, refreshments included!

The actual performance on Wednesday evening at 6.30pm will be recorded by our friend Bob from Magic Video, so order forms will be available at the performance or from the office- great Christmas gifts for all the family!

Beech Class - Meet the Teacher

Hopefully, all Beech Class parents have received their invitation to come along and meet Mrs Courtman-Stock on Tuesday afternoon at 2.40pm.

Bishops Stortford Schools Carol Concert

Our Y5/6 children will be joining with other local schools at St Michael's Church next Tuesday. They will be taken by coach from school for the afternoon rehearsal and collected by parents at 3pm from the church. They will then meet back at the church, in smart school uniform, at 6.30pm for the actual concert. It is a very special evening and we need everyone to attend.

A Kigezi Christmas

Next Friday the 11th December, the School Council are running their first Charity Event for our link school, Kigezi Primary, in Uganda. This is our alternative to the Christmas shoeboxes that many of you have supported in the past. They would really appreciate any donations of anything 'Christmassy' for their Christmas stall, such as Christmas sweets/chocs, tree decorations, biscuits, cakes, toys, books etc. Children may wear their home clothes in return for donating something to the stall. Of course, they do need to bring some money in to shop with too!

SNAP Theatre

As an additional Christmas treat and following on from last year's 'Snowman', the SNAP Theatre group are coming in to school to give their interpretation of 'The Night Before Christmas'. They will perform to all the children first and then lead some class workshops, with a final coming together at the end of the morning. We are very fortunate, as this is being very kindly sponsored through a donation from our Parish Council, so we will be asking the School Captains to write a 'thank you letter' after the show.

Friday Film Club

Our last film for this term next Friday is 'Arthur Christmas'. It has a running time of 94 minutes, so pick up is at 5pm, please.

Class Attendance Award

This week's top attenders are Beech Class with 99.6% . The average attendance across the school this week is 96.1%.

Going for Gold

The most Triplegolds for the week ending 27th November was achieved by Beech Class, well done!

Early Years Christmas

Our Early Years children are going to impress us all with their interpretation of Christmas at 2pm on Friday 11th. How proud we will all be!

5-a-day Dance Fitness

The children can now access our 5-a-day Dance Fitness fun program at home. Simply log on to the school website- Parents Secure Area- and pick up the hyperlink from there. Fitness Fun for all the family!

Coming Up Before Christmas...

- Tues 8th Dec: Dress Rehearsal for Busy, Busy Bethlehem - 10am. Senior Citizens and young Children welcome.
Beech Class 'Meet the Teacher' with Mrs Jo Courtman-Stock at 2.40pm.
Y5/6 Carol Practice at St Michael's Church- pm- with collection at 3pm from the Afternoon rehearsal in Church. Back in church at 6.30pm.
- Wed 9th Dec: Speech Therapist in school - pm
Busy, Busy Bethlehem performance - 6.30pm.
- Thurs 10th Dec: SNAP Theatre production of 'The Night Before Christmas' in school - am.
- Fri 11th Dec: School Council Christmas Stall - Christmas for Kigezi Primary School, Uganda.
Early Years Christmas - 2pm.
Friday Film Club - 'Arthur Christmas' - pick up at 4.55pm.

Week 2:

- Mon 14th Dec: Rescheduled Standards Visit with County Improvement Partner, Ann Keen.
Dress Rehearsal- Carols Around the Tree - 2pm. Senior Citizens welcome.
- Tues 15th Dec: Carols Around the Tree Presentation - 2pm. All welcome.
- Wed 16th Dec: Christmas Lunch
'Carols by Candlelight' at St Cecilia's Church - 6.30pm
- Thurs 17th Dec: Christmas Parties - pm
- Fri 18th Dec: Effort Assembly - 1.30pm.
School Closes at 2.15pm.

Parent Council Feedback

This Wednesday saw the first meeting of the new class representatives, along with me, by request. All classes were represented. Concerns raised:

- i) At Awards Assembly, could the name be given first and then the reason?

Most award ceremonies give a 'build up' first before the name is announced. If the name is given first, the reason for the award may well get lost. Part of the ethos is to celebrate positive practice to inspire others to try hard too.

- ii) Could 'Outside' Awards be limited?

It was felt that this may be difficult to limit and quite sad too! Just need to be efficient.

- iii) It was suggested that all children go home at 3.15pm.

The idea of 2 pick-up times is to spread collection out. Also, who would look after Ash and Beech children from 3-3.15 daily?

- iv) Could Ash Class parents collect children from the Unit on rainy days and wait under the new canopy?

To discuss with Early Years staff and feedback.

- v) Is there a place where Saplings' parents can shelter at lunch club pick up, if raining ?

This is a new problem for us in our first winter but it may just be wait in the car until your child arrives, sorry.

- vi) Could an audible signal be given when the double gates are open at home time?

Only staff should open the gates and staff in hi-viz should be seen and parents should be responsible for supervising their child. However, we will give this some thought and feedback.

Some positives! ... Saplings parents are very happy! The additional car park space is appreciated and the new Texting Service has been well received!

Next meeting is Monday 18th January at 9am in the Music room. All welcome.

Thank you for your continued support, especially last Sunday!

Yours sincerely

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