'Nurturing aspirations, celebrating individuality, fulfilling potential'

Letter 13 6th December 2016

Dear Parents

Values Bear

This term we have been thinking about the **value of thankfulness**. The children have been nominating their classmates for demonstrating this value in school. We are delighted to announce that **Joseph Dawson** in Class 2 is the guardian of our Values Bear, looking after it for one week. Congratulations Joseph!

Thank you from the Poppy Appeal

We were delighted to be informed by Mrs Malet, that Hatherop raised the magnificent amount of **£101.23 for the Poppy Appeal**. We believe this is the most we have ever raised. This will contribute to the vital welfare and benevolent work carried out by the Royal British Legion. Thank you to Mrs Malet for selling the poppies and to everyone for your generous donations.

An invitation to Reception parents

The parents of our Reception children are invited to come and look at their **Learning Journey** books on **Thursday 8th December at 3.00pm in Class 1**. It is a wonderful opportunity to see their achievements since September.

Christmas Service – Friday 9th December 6.00pm

Please ensure your child is at the church by **5.45pm.** A letter has already been sent home to children in Class 1 regarding costumes. Children in Years 2- 6 have also been given information about costumes by Parentmail. Please see your child's teacher after school if you need more information.

You are all very welcome to our Carol Service beginning at 6.00pm at the Church, followed by the Social Evening in the school hall.

Parents are responsible for bringing their children back to school for the Social Evening. You may want to bring a torch as it can be a dark walk!

Reminder

Please can we remind all parents that any photographs taken at school events such as our Christmas Service, **should not be published on any social networking** site without the permission of each individual involved and, in the case of children under the age of 16, the permission of their parent, guardian or carer.

Can we also remind parents that **NO** devices such a mobile phones or i-pads should be brought onto school premises **by children** – even for events such as our Christmas Social. Thank-you for your co-operation.

PTA Christmas Social Evening - Friday 9th December after the Christmas Service
Information about the items requested by the PTA for the Christmas Social have been sent home by Parentmail and were also in last week's newsletter.
Christmas raffle - We would welcome more items!
Please can parents donate one item per child -colour matched with their house - for a raffle to be drawn at our Christmas Social. Children in **Farmor** need to bring a **blue item**, children in **Cook** need to bring a **red item** and those in **Keble** need to bring a **green item**. Thank you to Suzanne Harvey for donating a 30 minute trial flight voucher at Kemble Airport. If anyone has any other interesting vouchers to add to the hampers that would be great.

Disco lights
If you are able to lend some disco lights to the PTA, please see Suzanne Bloxham or contact the School office.

Food requests
Please can we ask parents to deliver the following food items to the hall at **8.45 am on Friday 9th December:**
Reception parents - 1 small packet of cooked cocktail sausages,
Year 1 - a box of mince pies,
Year 2 - a box of fancy bread sticks,
Year 3 - 1 large bag of crisps
Year 4 - 1 box of Christmas biscuits
Year 5 - a packet sausage rolls
Year 6 - a box of Christmas cakes.
Please see Suzanne Bloxham if you have any questions. Thank you.
And finally…
All parents should have received a message via parentmail regarding Secret Santa arrangements– please check! Please send Secret Santa donations of £5.00 for each child to Suzanne Bloxham or to the school office. Thank you.

Coln Stores Christmas Fayre
The PTA will be serving mulled wine and homemade mince pies, brownies and cakes at the Coln Store's Christmas Fayre, this coming **Saturday, 10th December, from 4pm to 7pm.** Come and visit our stall on the day. We're also looking for donations of cakes, cookies and mince pies to sell. If you'd like to bake for this event, please speak to Caroline Burton. We are trying to raise funds for books in Class 3. Many thanks for your support.

Lizzie's Choir
Today will be the last choir session this term. It has been wonderful to see and hear such wonderful singing!

Carol Singing
Lizzie's choir have been invited to sing Carols at the Coln Stores Christmas Fayre this **Saturday 10th December at 5.30pm**. Please come along to listen and join in.

School dinners

For your information, this **Friday 9th December**, children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will **receive a packed lunch** instead of a hot school dinner (this is because Farmor's School will be having their Christmas Dinner that day). The children will order their choices – **cheese, ham, coronation chicken , chicken mayo or tuna roll** - in advance on Wednesday. **Children in Years 3 – 6 will NOT be able to order a dinner on Friday and will need to be provided with a packed lunch from home**.

After School Club booking form

Please find attached the After School Club booking form for term 3. Invoices for term 2 will be sent home in January.

PE next term

Class 2 and 3 will be doing cross country in PE next term. Please can parents make sure that the children have their kit in school on **Tuesday 3rd January**. Please can parents provide some old trainers (they will get muddy), jogging bottoms and spare socks. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. C. Burton and Mrs. C. Wolfe
Acting Head Teachers

Diary dates for term 2

December

Friday 9th	Christmas service and social evening 6.00pm
Tuesday 13th	School Christmas lunch
Friday 16th	END OF TERM