



# Cubbington C of E Primary School

Our aim is as simple as ABC

**Achieving, Belonging, Caring**

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Newsletter No.7

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support at our Christmas Fair last Friday. The PTA Christmas Fair raised an incredible £2037.47 – this is the highest amount that we have ever raised at this event and we are over the moon! The choir sang beautifully and were very pleased to get some donations towards their coach for the Young Voices concert in January.

## **Guinea pigs**

Our school guinea pigs, Bourbon and Gingersnap are looking for lodgings over the Christmas holidays. We will provide everything that you need to have them we just need a volunteer – Can you help? If so please pop into school and let us know.

## **Pantomime**

We are looking forward to welcoming the travelling pantomime ‘Aladdin’ at school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The PTA will provide a snack and drink for this event and we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £3 towards the cost of putting this on. This will appear in Parent Pay. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Christmas postbox**

The Christmas postbox will be open from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. All children can post Christmas cards to their friends and teachers and these will be delivered by the Year 6 post people in the last week of term. The last day for posting cards will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Please check that your child writes the full name and class on the envelope to ensure accurate delivery. Unfortunately class teachers are not able to give out class lists to parents. The year 6 post people will be collecting donations for postage which will go to a charity of their choice and we suggest a single donation of 50p for an unlimited number of cards - Bargain!

This is the method that we recommend for distributing cards in school as children will not have the opportunity to hand their cards out individually so please encourage them to get writing and posting!

## **Gifts for Cubbington Mill**

During the school year each class will be visiting Cubbington Mill to spend time taking part in activities with the residents. So far Year 5 and 6 have visited and some of the residents are coming to school to watch the dress rehearsal of the KS1 production. It is lovely to see the children building such a great relationship with people in their community and we have decided that we would like to collect some gifts to take up for Christmas as we know that some residents do not have any family of their own. If you are able to spare a small gift of toiletries, chocolate or biscuits we will be collecting them in the entrance hall at school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December until the end of term.

## **Cubbington Silver Band concert**

Cubbington Silver Band are holding a Christmas concert on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall in Queen Street. Tickets are £4 on the door and the junior band will also be playing.

## **Keeping children safe online**

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? This Christmas there will be more tech toys than ever before, and many of them will use bluetooth or wifi to link to apps and the wider internet. Some of these toys will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play. The Information Commissioner recently published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys and it is well-worth reading.

[12 ways shoppers can help keep children safe](#)

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Which? Magazine have also surveyed many connected toys and found that, without appropriate safety features, they can also pose a big risk to your child's safety. The Which video below shows just how easy it is for anyone to take over the voice control of a popular connected toy, and speak directly to children. Which? found that it is easy enough for almost anyone to do, not only skilled hackers.

[Please watch this video](#)

### **Parent Pay**

Please can you ensure that you are checking Parent Pay regularly. [www.parentpay.co.uk](http://www.parentpay.co.uk)  
Several trips have occurred and there is still quite a large amount of money outstanding. Unfortunately school do not have the reserves to keep covering this and events will have to be cancelled in future if debts are not paid promptly.

### **End of the Day**

Please can you ensure that you have communicated any changes to your child's 'end of the day' routine to school as soon as possible. This is extremely important if your child travels on the bus as there is a very short window for us to get the correct children onto the bus before it has to leave.

### **Emergency Weather Procedures**

As we move into winter, please take note of the following procedures in the event that school has to close due to severe weather. Whilst we endeavour to remain open all year, closure can be caused by insufficient teaching levels, lack of heating or hot dinner provision, or potential safety risks.

- In the event of closure we will contact Warwickshire County Council in the first instance. Please sign up to the Council notification system to receive a text message notifying of closure (<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>).
- We will send an email to everyone on our mailing list.
- It may be that school opens as usual in the morning, but then a decision is taken to close in extreme situations; you will be notified as soon as possible by phone or email. Rest assured that all children will be cared for in school until parents/carers can either get to school or make arrangements for children to be collected.

It is essential that telephone numbers are kept up to date so that contact can be made in the event of such emergency closures, please remember to inform the office of any changes.

### **Open Days**

We have one more Open Day in the Spring Term for prospective parents. This will be on Wednesday 10 January at 10 am. Please let your family and friends know these dates if they have children who will be starting school in September 2018.

#### **Autumn term dates for your diaries**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30 KS1 production  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30 KS1 Production  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Disco at school  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime at school for all children  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner in school  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol service in school 2.30  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 2.45 Christmas sing a long  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Break up for Christmas  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January INSET DAY – School is closed  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January INSET DAY – School is closed  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school for the Spring Term  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Choir to attend Young Voices concert  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – PTA quiz at school  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term

I hope that you have an enjoyable (and maybe snowy!) weekend.

Kind regards,  
Juliet Jones  
Head teacher

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# Smith's Magical Christmas

WIZARDS AND WITCHES WELCOME



SANTA'S GROTTTO



SNOWY, TAWNY  
AND BARN OWLS

EXCLUDING 2ND DECEMBER



TWINKLE  
THE REINDEER

AND MUCH MORE...

## GROTTTO & FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTRE

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER  
SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

10AM TO 4PM

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

10AM TO 4PM

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER  
SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

10AM TO 4PM

### TICKETS

ACTIVITY CENTRE EXPERIENCE ONLY - £3  
SANTA'S GROTTTO & ACTIVITY CENTRE EXPERIENCE - £8  
(NO ADVANCE BOOKING)

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