

# **Cubbington C of E Primary School**

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# Achieving, Belonging, Caring

20th December 2019

Newsletter No.8

Dear Parents and Carers.

As we finally draw the term to a close in readiness for Christmas, I want to thank you all for the tremendous support and encouragement, of your children and the work of the school, over the last term. Our school has been so buzzing with the sound of Christmas over the past couple of weeks and it has been a privilege and pleasure to see the children performing in concerts, shows and services. It is wonderful to see their confidence and enthusiasm and I would like to thank the staff for their help in making all of this happen. We have had some lovely feedback about our KS1 nativity and the KS2 carol service and I was asked to share the words of the carol that Year 5 sang to the tune of 'In the bleak midwinter.' I have copied the words, written by Miss Watts, at the end of the newsletter. We hope to see lots of you at our annual Christmas sing-a long this afternoon at 2.45pm in the hall.

We are very busy making plans for next term and there are a lot of new dates for your diaries below so please take note of them.

### **Most improved learners**

I was very proud to give the most improved learner awards out in assembly today for the Autumn term. In Keystage 1 the award was given to Lily. G in Y2 and in Keystage 2 it was given to Toby.C in Year 3. Well done both of you!

#### Vacancies

We currently have a vacancies for a midday supervisor for 5 lunchtimes per week. The lunchtime sessions run from 12.15 to 1.30 each day. If you are interested or know someone who may be then please share our details and get in touch with the office to have a chat with Mrs Jones.

#### **PE Newsletter**

Mrs Caress has summarised the amazing things that our children have achieved in sport this term in the newsletter sent out earlier this week.

# **Parking on New Street**

Several of our neighbours have contacted school recently to complain about inconsiderate parking on New Street at school drop off and collection times. Please park thoughtfully and do not park over home owners driveways. If necessary, car registrations will be reported to the local police and this will be followed up.

Thank you for all your support this term

We have had a busy term with Cake Sales ,Quiz Night, Raffles ,Christmas Cards and our Christmas Fayre we have raised over £2000 so far and hope that this continues next term.

Our first fundraiser is 29/1 with our clothes collection a great time to have a clearout . we will also be doing a 5p challenge next term.

#### **Class Assemblies**

We will start our class assemblies in the spring term and the dates for Years 1,2,6 and Reception are in the diary dates below. Years 3,4 and 5 will have their class assemblies in the summer term.

#### **Clothing for Reception**

If your child has borrowed any of the spare clothing from our Reception class please can you send it back to school. We have depleted our stocks of spare underwear, socks and tights so if you have any spare that you can donate we would be very grateful.



#### **Future academic year planners**

All INSET days now added to the diary dates below

The dates for the next two academic years are now published on the Warwickshire website so you can start holiday planning early! **Remember that the Mayday bank holiday has moved in 2020 and will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.** 2019 – 2020

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# Spring term dates for your diaries

Monday 6th January – Whole School INSET day – School is closed

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of the spring term

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Final open morning for prospective parents

Thursday 16th January – NHS Height and weight check for children in Reception and Year 6

Wednesday 29th January – Rags to Riches clothing recycling collection - PTA

Friday 31st January – PTA Film night – more information will follow

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 cake sale

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term

Friday 13th March – Year 1 Class Assembly 9.10am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening 4-7pm

Friday 20th March – Reception Class assembly 9.10am

Friday 20th March – Year 3 cake sale

Tuesday 24th March – Parents evening 4-7pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Class Assembly 9.10am

Tuesday 31st March – Easter service in St Mary's lead by Year 4. Parents of Year 4 invited.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 6 Class Assembly 9.10am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Break up for Easter

I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and I hope that you enjoy spending some time with your family and friends over the Christmas break.

Juliet Jones Head teacher

## In the bleak midwinter - WW1 Christmas Truce version

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
One century ago.

In the muddy trenches
Longing for reprieve
Soldiers tired of fighting
On that Christmas Eve

Candles on the parapets

Shining stars above

Guns replaced with Christmas trees

Fear replaced with love

In the peaceful silence Men began to sing Carols heard on both sides Greetings following On that Christmas morning



Appeared those men so brave Chocolates, hats and buttons All they had, they gave

Standing now together
Digging earth by hand
Buried all those fallen
Clearing no-man's land
Space to play the game they love
Reclaim dignity
United by their football
Shared humanity

Joyfully they played on Nations side by side Better than the game of war They had left behind In this Christmas story Wise men had their say Reconciliation Gave us hope that day.

Words by Lesley Watts