



December 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Attendance

Please find our recent attendance figures below; it is a priority for the school to raise the overall attendance figures. A **BIG** well done to Year 1/2 who have been class winners for two consecutive weeks and came second this week. The children are obviously keen to come to school! May we also take this opportunity to remind parents that if your child is off school because they are unwell, you must notify us in writing once they return before we can authorise the absence. If you have 10 unauthorised absences over 2 half terms, we may need to report your child's attendance to the EWO.

Week ending 24/11/17	
Year 1/2	99.7%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	96.4%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 2	94.5%
Reception/Y1	89.6%

Week ending 01/12/17	
Year 3	99.7%
Year 1/2	97.9%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 2	96.2%
Reception/Y1	92.4%
Year 6	92%
Year 4	89.7%

### MUGA

I am extremely pleased to inform you that the MPSA and the school have qualified for the finals of the Aviva Community fund. All of the hard work by the children in badgering family and friends for votes has worked. We gained over 4000 votes for the project! Our bid has now been put forward to a panel of judges along

with other bids, hopefully we will get some good news in the New Year. Fingers crossed!

### Christmas Fair

I am pleased to report that the Christmas Fair was a resounding success. Thank you to all those parents who supported the school and the children and families that attended. As well as bringing our community together, we have also raised nearly £1000 which will ultimately benefit all of the children in school.

### Attachment Awareness

Congratulations to our Pastoral team who have been actively involved in a Cheshire East project called- Attachment Awareness Action Research Project. Mrs Jeffery and Miss Moreland were asked to present their findings at a conference attended by a host of Cheshire East schools. The feedback was extremely positive and we are now in a position where we can support other schools in this area.

### Online Safety Event

As part of our ongoing focus on safety and our recent Anti-Bullying week, our children have been learning about Online Safety. Lights, Camera, Action group visited us in school and worked with some of our older children to produce a video highlighted issues of Online Safety. As well as spotlighting the issue to those children, we will be able to use the video in the future to help teach our children how to be safer online.

The school also held an event for parents to offer them advice and guidance on how to ensure our children are safe online. Thank you to PCSO Zoe and to Mrs Power for organising this.

### Knutsford Light Switch On

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, I was delighted to attend the Knutsford Light Switch on, where our choir, (ably supported by our choir master and school governor Patrick Jones) sang. The children looked very smart in their school uniforms. They performed 3 songs on the stage in front of hundreds of spectators and were an absolute credit to the school. Thank you to

Patrick and Miss Moreland and also to parents who have supported this.

#### Christmas Jumper day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December we are holding a Christmas Jumper day in school to raise money for Save the Children. For this event, we would like the children to come to school dressed in their Christmas jumper and any other Christmas items of clothing they have. Let's have really festive classrooms as we embrace the spirit of Christmas.

#### Silk FM in school today -

Today, we have been visited by Silk FM radio station. The children were recorded singing a variety of the songs that they will be performing in the end of term Christmas shows. The standard of the singing is phenomenal and is a credit to the talented children and the staff. One of the joys of Christmas in a school is watching and listening to the children learn their lines and songs. Our children can be heard on Silk FM radio from next week.

#### Performance tickets available on Monday

Our Nursery, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performances are coming up over the final two weeks of term.

Our Nursery and 2 year old children are having a Christmas singalong on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2.15pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10.45 am. All Nursery parents are welcome.

KS1 Christmas performance is called: Children of the World and will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm and 6pm. Tickets will be available on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

KS2 Christmas performance is called: A Primary School Musical and will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm and 6pm. Again, tickets will be available from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Letters have gone to all children confirming the arrangement for tickets.

#### School Council

Our school council have decided to fundraise to buy a defibrillator package to help to make our community a safer place. To kick off their

fundraising campaign, they are asking if you would mind making a small donation after the KS1 and KS2 Christmas productions. Any support would be much appreciated and go a long way towards making our community a heart safe environment and increase survival rates.

#### Sporting success

Congratulations to all children who have taken part in the multitude of sporting activities and competitions over the past term. A special mention must go to our Hockey team who won their tournament this week and our mixed girls and boys football team who came second in their tournament, also held this week. Whilst taking part and enjoying sport is undoubtedly important, it is always nice when our teams improve and compete to win also. Well done to all and thank you to all of the staff who support the sporting events.

#### Language Club...Watch this space!

KS1 children will be invited to attend a Spanish club after school in January for 8 weeks. Letters will be in book bags in the New Year.

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill

Head Teacher

#### Diary Dates Ahead

*Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.*

15/12/17 Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/17 Full Governing body meeting
19/12/17 KS2 - Christmas Production
20/12/17 Reception and KS1 nativity performance
21/12/17 Class Christmas Parties
<b>22/12/17 SCHOOL CLOSES</b>

<b>8/1/18 SCHOOL OPENS</b>
10/1/18 Year 3 Trip to Tatton Farm
12/1/18 Year 4 Trip to Tatton Farm
12/1/18 Termly attendance treat