



Pottery News December News 2017

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REMINDERS

Bad Weather / Alert to school closure

In recent years due to particularly atrocious weather school had to close for 2 - 3 days over the winter period. We cannot open the school unless we can safely accommodate pupils with both staffing levels and safe egress around the site. The decision to close is usually made as early as possible and between 7 and 8am. We place alerts on the home page of our school website under announcements and will continue to utilize the text messaging service. The text messaging service is not 100% reliable if many schools are using it across the country on the same day so please check our website in very bad weather. We also notify the County Council if we are closing and they are then responsible for ensuring local radio stations issue alerts. You should be able to access a list of school closures from www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures and on smartphones by typing m.derbyshire.gov.uk into internet browser.

Admissions to School

Applications for reception places for 2018/2019 have opened. Applications at: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or phone 'Call Derbyshire' on 08456 058 058.

Closing Date: Midnight
Monday 15th January 2018

Diary for December

Friday 1st December 5.00 - 8pm is the PSA Winter Fair, please come along, see Santa and support the fair which is raising funds for sets of class cameras and early years' outdoor equipment. The children have all made something to sell. From year 1 to year 6 you can pre-order. There will be additional items that you can buy for other family members on the way to see Santa in C block.

Monday 4th December The drama after school club is presenting 'Going on a Bear Hunt' to families 3.40pm in the hall.

Monday 4th December Choir are singing at Babington hospital in the afternoon.

Tuesday 5th December Choir are singing at Belper Leisure Centre for the 'Stroke Club.'

Wednesday 6th December 6.30 pm is our CHRISTMAS

SERVICE - St Peter's Church. All children have been invited to take part but a seat is only reserved if you have returned the slip to say they are taking part. Parking pretty dreadful but the Coppice off the back of the market place is large and free to park.

There will be a collection for the Children's Holiday Centre in Skegness.

Wednesday 6th December Y1 /2 perform 'The Magical Christmas Box' in the afternoon.

Thursday 7th December Reception are performing 'The Christmas Recipe' morning and Y1/2 perform 'The Magical Christmas Box' in the afternoon.

Friday 8th December Year Y1 /2 perform 'The Magical Christmas Box' in the morning and Reception are performing 'The Christmas Recipe' in the afternoon.

ALL ABOVE PLAY TICKETS HAVE GONE ON SALE AND ARE ADULTS ONLY.

Photographs and video footage - historically these have been allowed on the condition that **no images whatsoever are uploaded onto the web**. Photographs are only to be taken at the end of the production when staff will stage the children in groups. We have a number of children in school whose parent does not allow photographs and these children will be removed first.

If any parent objects to video footage then it will be a blanket no to videoing. **Please ensure we have any objections by the 1st of December (this Friday).**

Monday 11th December whole school visit the pantomime.

Friday 15th December is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.' Wear a Christmas Jumper or bright coloured jumper and bring £1 for the charity.

Friday 15th December whole school have a magic show.

Storage of Items in school:

Children bring a coat, PE bag, book bag and if packed lunch a packed lunch box. In our very small cloakrooms with 330 children in school we have to store over 1,000 items. This is why the book bag needs to be flat so it can go against the wall under the coat with PE bag hung up, we cannot accommodate rucksack type book bags in addition to the PE kit.

Some parents following my text reminder said that they see many rucksacks brought to school on a morning. These bags are PE kit being returned following the previous night's sports club. On the 22/11/17 as part of a health and safety inspection we only found 9 /330 rucksacks in school that were not PE kits.

School Parties:

On party day children are invited to come to school in party dress. However please bear in mind the weather and ensure that children are warm, have a coat and shoes that are safe to run around the playground.

Parties as follows:

Reception Wed 13th, Year 3/ 4 Thursday 14th , Y1 /2 Friday 15th and Y5 /6 Monday 18th December.

Party Food: From Monday 11th December we will be collecting cakes (small individual), crisps (individual small packets) and juice (dilutable orange and blackcurrant) for parties to feed 329 children. Donations to the office please. (No biscuits or anything that needs cutting up!)

Thank you.

Christmas Post Boxes will be out on Monday 4th December for posting cards to one another in school only. We are not a community/neighbourhood service, sorry!

Special Mentions

To Drew O (year 6) A huge well done Drew for having 7" cut off your hair in order to raise money for the Princess Charity.

To Adrianna B (year 5) Congratulations on passing stage 5 at swimming. Well done, love from Mum, Darren, Dad and Gran.

CONCERT: The Dalesmen Voice Choir are joining the South East Derbyshire Band to perform 'The Joy of Christmas' at St Peter's Church on Saturday 16th December at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased in school at £6 an adult (children under 16 are free when with an adult).

SANTA!

If your child is lucky enough to receive an i-pod touch, i-phone or i-pad then Santa may not have had time to install safety software! Search on the internet for your device and parental controls and each manufacturer will have posted guidance.

K9 web protection offers free downloads on these devices <http://www1.k9webprotection.com> For any queries regarding e-safety including setting safety settings then please contact us.

BE SAFE - NOT SORRY

School closes at 3.30pm on Tuesday 19th December and re-opens on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.