



Pottery News December News 2018

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What's happened/ What is happening

Thank you to parents who nominated the staff on teacher day. We were delighted when we won the local vote and 'Sam the Brew Bird' came to school providing free hot drinks to all staff. Sam is available with her van to provide drinks for any local event 07861 216709.



Christmas Child: Thank you to parents taking part in this appeal, we collected 24 shoeboxes that will go to a much needed home this Christmas. Thank you also to Mr. and Mrs. Brown for organising this.

Children in Need: raised £306, many thanks.

The PSA Winter Fair raised £1,500, thanks to all.

Clerk to Governors Vacancy: We are looking for a clerk to our Board of Governors; this is a paid post. Our Governors tend to meet on a Monday or Tuesday evening 6.30pm and there are approximately 18 meetings over the year. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Admissions to School Applications for reception places for 2019/2020 have opened. Applications at: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or phone 'Call Derbyshire' on 08456 058 058.

Closing Date: Midnight Tuesday 15th January 2019

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. 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.

Diary for December

Wednesday 12th December Y1 /2 perform

'Children of the World' 1.45pm

Thursday 13th December Reception perform Angel Express 9.45am and Y1/2 perform 'Children of the World' 1.45pm.

Friday 14th December Y1 /2 perform 'Children of the World' 9.45am and Reception perform 'Angel Express' 1.45pm.

ALL ABOVE PLAY TICKETS HAVE GONE ON SALE ALREADY 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 any videoing.

Please ensure we have any objections by the 7th of December (this Friday).

Choir

Thursday 13th December choir sing at Heritage Court and Babington Hospital in the afternoon.

Monday 17th December choir to sing at Osmaston Grange in the afternoon.

Tuesday 18th December 6.30pm is our CHRISTMAS SERVICE at St Peter's church. All children will be invited to take part but a seat to sit with their teacher and take part is only reserved if you have returned the slip to say they are taking part. There will be a collection for the NSPCC at the service. Parking is pretty dreadful but the Coppice Car Park off the market place is large and free.

Friday 21st December school closes at the end of the day and re-opens on Monday 7th January 2019.

Earrings: As you are aware, we have a no jewellery policy. For children who have recently had their ears pierced a family has let us know that there are plastic earrings with a rubber stop called 'bullet clutch earring' to prevent holes from healing over. These are safe to use in school.

School Parties

On party day children may come to school in party dress but bear in mind the weather and ensure that children are warm and that they have a coat and shoes that are safe to run around in.

Parties as follows:

Monday 17th Reception - Mr Boardman and Mr Chuck

Tuesday 18th Dec Y3 /4 - Mrs Kanigowski, Mrs Locker and Miss Slack

Wednesday 19th Dec Y1 /2 - Miss Bradley, Miss Dale and Mrs Roberts

Thursday 20th Dec - Mr Hartley, Miss Illingworth and Mrs Nicholson

Party Food

From Monday 10th December we will be collecting cakes (small individual), crisps (individual small packets) and juice (dilutable orange and blackcurrant) for parties to feed 326 children.

Donations to the office please. (No biscuits or anything that needs cutting up!) Thank you.

Christmas Post Boxes will be out next week for posting to one another in school only. Unfortunately we are not a community/neighbourhood service, sorry!

If cards are for children in the same class a rubber band around these helps our older children to sort before delivery. Class teacher initials are as follows for the envelopes:

Reception DB or GC. Y1 /2 CD, LB or MH/KR. Year 3 /4 are AS, MK or CH/AL. Y5/6 AI, LN or GHa.

Should you wish a **community post service** the Derby and District Scouts are running their annual 'Stamp and Deliver' service for 30p a card. Phone: 07930 760655 or www.stampanddeliver.com / Facebook.com/StampAndDeliver

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 Council Bring and Buy Sale

When sorting over the festive period please keep any unwanted DVDs, toys and games as the school council are having a Bring and Buy sale in February. Please send all donations from now until 14th February to the school office. Any money on the day of the sale the children decide what they would like to buy for their class.