



**December**  **NEWSLETTER 2016**

**'Peace & Goodwill to all?'**

Our Christmas festivities have begun with our Year 3 & Year 4 choir beautifully singing carols around the town Christmas tree for the turning on of the Louth Lights last Sunday. As well as being in the market, the choir is also getting ready to sing at a range of venues in Louth and a big thank you to all who are doing this. You can feel the excitement building for the children as we countdown to Christmas with the opening of Advent Calendars, infant rehearsals are in full swing getting ready for their Christmas Concerts and displays are changing. Preparations are being made by the PTFA for the Christmas Fayre & Disco and the Post Box is out! If you can offer any help at all for the Fayre or Disco, please tell the school office. There was a lovely atmosphere in the school on Wednesday when Foundation Stage and their parents decorated our Christmas tree - and what a fantastic job they did too!

If you ask the children, they should be able to tell you that the theme for our worship times this term has been 'Getting on and falling out'. I hope we can live the former and share the much needed 'Spirit of Christmas', so wonderfully displayed again this year by your donations to the Louth Larder and the number of shoebox gifts collected for the needy children of Eastern Europe – you will have made someone's Christmas very special.

With the help of the children, we have also been looking at simplifying the 'School Rules' to something meaningful, but easy to remember on a 'Bee' theme: Be Safe, Be Caring, Be Respectful, Be Proud & Be Your Best! We will be thinking about what these look like in action over the coming weeks.

It is a shame that at what should be a time of 'Peace & Goodwill' to all I have felt the need to write to all parents about hurtful comments made about school or towards staff on social media recently. We try to teach the children about good use of the internet so please can parents set a good example too? For the last two weeks of term we change the time and format of assembly and share favourite Christmas stories about mice, cats, sheep and even a Grinch! All stories, however, lead to one – the one that Christmas is really all about – the birth of a baby sent to save the world.

Don't forget! Be good—Santa's on his way!

*Mr P Fox*

**FOUNDATION STAGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**'A Wiggly Nativity'**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm &  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**



**YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS  
 CAROL CONCERT**



**'A Collection of Christmas Songs'**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am**

All children will be allocated two programmes initially for each performance.

A separate letter has been sent giving all the details and how to claim more.

**So that the children are not distracted, we ask that pre-school children are not brought to the performances.**

Our Rules

- Be Safe
- Be Caring
- Be Respectful
- Be Proud
- Be Your Best!

Be a Bee!



The end of term Christmas Service will take place at **St Michael's Church** at 10am on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

All parents are welcome to the service, but it may be standing room only!

School will end at 3.30pm as normal on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and return on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.



## Safety First!

The School Crossing Supervisor has had to request that yet another message is added to the Newsletter to ask that parents ensure their children stay with them on the walkway down to the road.



## Safeguarding

We have had a number of parents 'slipstreaming' children into the building in the morning to speak with teachers - this **must** stop!

If you wish to speak with your child's teacher you must make an appointment for a convenient time. It is imperative from a Safeguarding position that the office know exactly who is in the building at all times.

The teachers are available on the playground every morning to enable parents to see them and arrange meetings if necessary.

## Dates to remember

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** - FS Nativity (2pm)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** - FS Nativity (10am) & KS1 Nativity (2pm)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** - KS1 Nativity (10.30am)  
Infant Disco (6-7pm) Junior Disco (7.15-8.30pm)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Junior Choir visiting Trinity Church

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - FS/KS1 Theatre Trip  
Year 3/4 Christmas Party

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Y3/4 Choir to The Beeches  
Year 1/2 Christmas Party

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - FS Zoolab visit  
Year 5/6 Christmas Party  
Christmas themed Hot Dinner/Pack up day

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Fayre (4-6pm)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** - FS Christmas Party

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Service at St. Michael's Church (10am)

## School Admissions for September 2017



Do you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013?

If so, you **must** register for them for a school place.

The closing date for all applications is 12 noon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Please ensure you apply for your place as soon as possible at:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Party Time!

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Y3 & Y4

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Y1 & Y2

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Y5 & Y6

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Foundation Stage

On the day of your child's party they may come to school in their **party clothes** (please consider the weather). Each party will take place in the hall.

Children will all have their Christmas themed dinner or packed lunch on one day this year - **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**



## PTFA



### CHRISTMAS DISCOS THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Infants 6.00-7.00pm

Juniors 7.15-8.30pm

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE - THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

4.00-6.00pm

including Y5 & Y6 Christmas Crafts

## PTFA NEWS

Next Meeting – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Please contact Charlotte for more information on 07947 825320

## Advanced Notice

Work will soon begin on automated gates (pedestrian and vehicular) at school.

Please be aware that access will be restricted between the hours of 8.45am and 3.45pm