



HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bray

November 2024

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The always busy and exciting Christmas period has come around again, and our school events begin with the first of the Christmas performances next week. The children, Teachers and Teaching Assistants are busy preparing for each one and they will take place at the Church (except for Nursery's which will be performed in the Nursery as usual). Please see the full list of dates and times below.

As well as performing in their own Christmas plays, the children are going to be in the audience for a pantomime in school from the returning West Midlands Children's Theatre, who will be performing Snow White for each of the Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children to enjoy on Monday 16th December, in the last week of term. If you do not wish for your child to watch the pantomime, please inform the school office.

Our annual Christmas Fair, organised by The Friends, is set to take place after school on Thursday 12th December and is always a highlight of the season. Many thanks in advance for all your donations for the raffle and of cakes (see below) and to The Friends and staff for giving their time to run and organise this magical event.

CAN YOU DONATE CAKE?

When : 12th December 2024
Where: School Office
Time: Drop off

Are you able to donate cake to the Christmas fair please? The cake stall is very popular, so we need lots of cakes. Homemade or shop bought will be gratefully received but please can we ask for no nuts.

Home baked? Please can you supply a list of ingredients used with your bakes.

Please ensure all bakes are covered.

Please put your name on your tins. Tins will be placed in reception for collection from 13th December.

Thank you to anyone who supports us!

For further information please email:
Meolepta@outlook.com

TOGETHER WITH

Friends of Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery

INVITE YOU TO OUR

CHRISTMAS FAIR

GAMES - CAKES - HOT FOOD - RAFFLE
X-MAS LIGHT WALK - CRAFT & GIFT STALL
PRELOVED XMAS JUMPERS AND MORE!

TICKETS FOR SANTAS GROTTO AVAILABLE VIA
SCHOOL MONEY FROM 29TH NOVEMBER

THURSDAY
12TH DECEMBER
3.30PM-5.30PM



CURRICULUM

There has been a range of visitors into school this term to help bring our curriculum to life and provide some context to the children's learning. Year 4 and Year 5 enjoyed immersive experiences in their respective History topics of the Ancient Romans and Saxons and Vikings. Meanwhile, the whole school were treated to a performance from a live band, playing hits from the likes of Taylor Swift as part of Live Music Week.



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



Thank you to everyone who attended the Online Safety Workshop from Computing and digital safeguarding expert, Richard Smith. The informative event sparked some really positive conversations around the benefits and potential dangers of children accessing the internet and how we can best protect them when they do so. There was also discussion around the Smartphone Free Childhood movement and how many parents/carers are making the decision to delay giving children smartphones due to the safety and wellbeing benefits of this.

For more information about Online Safety, please visit the [dedicated page on our website](#) or the [Computing Curriculum page](#) which has a wealth of information about how we teach this important subject to the children.



SPORTS FIXTURES & EVENTS

The sporting fixtures and events continue to come thick and fast with football and netball taking centre stage this half term. Children have also enjoyed going out to represent us at tennis and multi-skills events, while a group of Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a range of sports at Lilleshall National Sports Centre as part of the This Girl Can initiative. Visit the [Sports Teams and Fixtures](#) page of our website to keep up to date.



EVENTS - NO PENS DAY

On Wednesday 27th November, we once again joined thousands of other schools and early years settings across the country by getting involved in the exciting one-day event called No Pens Day Wednesday. This is a national day dedicated to speaking and understanding language; No Pens Day Wednesday aims to raise awareness of the importance of these skills in children and young people's education and beyond.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- Arthog Residential Visit (Year 6) – Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th November
- Book Fair – Monday 2nd – Friday 6th November
- Year 3&4 Christmas performances – Monday 2nd December – 1.30 and 5.30pm
- Year 1&2 Christmas performances – Wednesday 4th December – 1.30 and 5.30pm
- Reception Christmas performance – Thursday 5th December – 1.30pm
- Year 5&6 Christmas performances – Tuesday 10th December – 1.30 and 5.30pm
- Nursery Christmas performance – Wednesday 11th December – 2.15pm
- Christmas Fair – Thursday 12th December – 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December
- Last day of Autumn term – Friday 20th December
- Christmas Holiday – Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025
- PD Day (School closed to all pupils) – Monday 6th January 2025
- Children return to School – Tuesday 7th January 2025

TERM DATES 2024/2025

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