

Lantern Competition

We were overwhelmed with the response to our 'Lantern Competition'; the entries were amazing and are adorning our corridors with incredible colour and diversity. Thank you to all the families who worked towards the wonderful creations; children were visibly excited to see them all hanging from the ceilings on their way to assembly! Whilst all the entries were wonderful the following children were chosen as Class winners and received a prize:-

Bumblebee AM Wilbur Henson	Bumblebee PM Hayley Clare	Lion Jacob Noakes	Jellyfish Brooke Morton	Monkey Ethan Dolman-Smith
Grasshopper AM Harry Cattell	Grasshopper PM Lennon Lewis	Tiger Ria Bhadal	Seahorse George Cattell	Bear Hanna Blicharska
Caterpillar AM Ellis Millsopp	Caterpillar PM Alicia Badger	Panther Simran Bhadal	Stingray Dexter Rhodes	Dolphin Nicole Holland



Local flooding

After the recent heavy rain our pathways were once again flooded and families found accessing our site increasingly difficult from the main Cannock Road. We listened to concerned parents and have sent a letter to the 'Clean and Green Team' at Walsall Council on behalf of our school community expressing our safety concerns.

Children in Need

Our 'What can you spare for Pudsey bear' Campaign was a roaring success raising £427.79; children took part in a fun filled day of challenges and activities in every year group. Classes competed to fill a giant Pudsey picture with spare change; every single class and family group covered Pudsey in money and were all given a teddy bear snack as a thank you. Well done to everyone who took part.

Attendance






The table below celebrates the attendance of the best class each week. The overall winner for October/November is Bumblebee AM group, who will be awarded a Golden Time session of their choice.

Week beginning 17 th October	Seahorses	100%
Week beginning 31 st October	Bumblebee AM & Dolphin	100% & 99.6%
Week beginning 7 th November	Monkey	100%
Week beginning 14 th November	Bumblebee AM & Bear	98.5% & 94.7%

We are always working hard to improve our attendance of all children across the school. According to the Public Health Agency the recommendations are as follows:-

Condition	Recommended period to be kept away from school
Cough/cold	None
Hand, foot & mouth	None
Tonsillitis	None
Conjunctivitis	None (treat, then return to school same day)
Head lice	None (treat, then return to school same day)
Diarrhoea/vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting

YEARS 1 & 2 	Friday 2 nd December	Years 1 and 2 will be walking to Holy Trinity Church today at 9.30 AM returning at approximately 11.30 AM to rehearse for their Christmas Carol Concert. If any parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles are available to walk with the children please talk to your class teacher.
YEAR 2 	Friday 2 nd December 2.45 PM	ATTENTION ALL YEAR 2 PARENTS – YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!!! Throughout your child's journey in school we assess, monitor and track progress and attainment. As you may be aware there are Statutory Assessments at the end of Key Stage One (Year 2) which take place from May 2017 for approximately one month. To view some past tests and find out more information, hints and tips about how you can help your child during their final year with us; please join Mrs Westbury to find out more! Please sign up outside the classroom nearer to the date.
YEAR 2 	Monday 5 th December 10.15 AM	Key Stage One Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church. The children will be walking to the church with their teachers. Year Two parents are welcome to join us today. Please note seating is strictly limited. Places must be signed for outside classrooms, and regretfully it will only be possible to seat two adults per family.
WHOLE SCHOOL  	Tuesday 6 th December 5.00-7.00 PM	HO HO HO IT'S THE CHRISTMAS FAIR! Join us and the New Invention Puzzle Partners from our local community to begin the Christmas festivities with a BANG! School will be filled to the brim with competitions, stalls, activities, yummy treats, fun and merriment as we welcome an extra special visitor – Father Christmas! Tickets for most of the games will be on sale from the School Office from Monday 28 th November and other activities will carry a small charge on the evening itself. Please join us for this exciting evening with family and friends.
RECEPTION	Wednesday 7 th December 9.30 AM	This year Reception's Christmas Performance is 'Born in a barn'. Please sign up for places in the usual way outside your child's classroom nearer the time. Seating is limited to only two seats per family.
YEAR 1 	Friday 9 th December 10.15 AM	Key Stage One Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church. The children will be walking to the church with their teachers. Year One parents are welcome to join us today. Please note seating is strictly limited. Places must be signed for outside classrooms, and regretfully it will only be possible to seat two adults per family.
YEAR 1 & 2 	Friday 9 th December	We are delighted to say some of our children in Years 1 and 2 will be representing the school in a Boccia Competition; this is a target ball sport similar to bowls which has been part of the Paralympic Games since 1984. Good luck to our sporting team!
WHOLE SCHOOL 	Week beginning 12 th December	During this week all classes and year groups will have a Christmas Party. Children can wear party clothes for the day. Please send your child with a small named plate of party snacks just for them to eat (remember they will already have eaten lunch as well!) Dates for different year groups are as follows:-  Year 1 Tuesday 13 th December Year 2 Wednesday 14 th December Reception Thursday 15 th December Nursery Friday 16 th December 
NURSERY 	Monday 12 th December 10.30 for AMs 2.30 for PMs	'Nursery Nativity' Christmas Performance - Please join us in the hall to see your children entertain us with their version of the Christmas story with songs and rhymes. Following the performance you will be able to take your child home if you wish. Sessions will start at usual times for pupils. Sign up for attendance in the Nursery.
YEAR 2 	Monday 12 th & Tuesday 13 th December	Year Two have been invited to the Wesley Church in Short Heath for a Christmas story experience. Each class will be visiting the church on one of these two dates – more details to follow closer to the time.
TODDLER GROUP	Tuesday 13 th December	Little Puzzlers Christmas Party - The youngest members of our school community will be taking part in Christmas festivities in the hall.

RECEPTION YEAR 1 & 2	Wednesday 14 th December	We have had a really successful first term with our new catering providers 'Shires'. Today children choosing hot dinners will be given a Christmas lunch with all of their friends! 
YEAR 1 & 2 	Thursday 15 th December	Come and 'Rock-it' with us! Years One and Two would like to share their amazing experiences this term led by their music teacher Miss Ridley. Come along to join in with a music session with your child learning ukuleles and keyboards. You can join your child's class at the following times:- Jellyfish 9.15-9.55 Stingray 9.55-10.35 Seahorse 11.15-11.55 Monkey 1.20-1.55 Bear 1.55-2.30 Dolphin 2.30-3.05
WHOLE SCHOOL 	Friday 16 th December	School breaks up for the Christmas holidays We hope to have a special visitor in school! Today is also Christmas Jumper Day – 50p donations please for the charity 'Save the Children'. (As this is Nursery party day you are still welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or give a donation)
PARENTS FRIENDS AND FAMILIES	Friday 16 th December	 Join us for a Christmas Disco (adults only) at the Victory Club 7.30-11.30 pm. Tickets are £3.00 each and are available at the school office. We look forward to beginning the festive season with our community. 

**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

See you all on Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Don't forget - Christmas Fair – (Tuesday 6th December 5-7pm)

Everyone is welcome. Some of our attractions include:-

- Candy cane craft
 - Spot the cheeky elf competition
 - Candy cane fishing
 - Christmas stories with Mother Christmas
 - Christmas tattoos
 - Carrot lucky dip
 - A coin for Rudolph
 - Knock Santa off the chimney
 - Making melted snowman biscuits
 - Face Painting
 - Decorate a bauble
- PLUS Lots of stalls selling Christmas merchandise**