

Headteacher News

You may be aware in the Autumn term we asked for your thoughts and opinions as we were recruiting a new Headteacher. Mrs Naffati is delighted and honoured to have accepted the position after a rigorous interview process and wishes to thank all the parents, grandparents and other community members who have sent her good wishes and congratulations over the last few weeks. She is committed to ensuring the continuity of care for our young children and to maintain high standards and the outstanding reputation of our school in the years to come.

Christmas Fair

It was wonderful to see so many of our community out in force supporting the PTA Puzzle Partners at our Christmas Fair. Everyone had a marvellous time and Santa was a very busy visitor indeed! A huge thank you to the staff, volunteers and stall holders who gave up their free time to help us during our big event. The winning stall was the Tombola which raised more than £140 alone! We raised in excess of £650 which is a massive achievement for such a fun evening! Thank you everyone!

Competition Winners

- Spot the cheeky elf - Connor Kinsella - Bear Class
- Where in the world is Santa? - Alfie Robotham - Lion Class
- Santa CSI - Devam Sharma - Bear class
- The Golden Carrot - Toby Pearce - Juniors
- Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake - Jordan Thomas - Tiger Class
- Name that Christmas tune - Luca Stokes - Monkey Class
- Raffle - Luxury Hamper - Harrison Quinn - Seahorse Class
- Hamper - Connor Lane - Lion class
- Prosecco - Oscar Bradburn - Panther Class
- Shortbread - Finley Metcalfe - Seahorse class
- Ferrero Rocher Christmas Tree - Holly Rhodes - Dolphin class



Attendance

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

Week beginning 21 st November	Monkey	98.7%
Week beginning 28 th November	Panther & Bumblebee AM	100%
Week beginning 5 th December	Bear & Monkey	97%
Week beginning 12 th December	Panther Bumblebee PM, Grasshoppers AM and PM	97.5% 100%

Ringworm

We have had an unusually large number of cases of Ringworm in school recently. Please be vigilant if your child develops a scaly, crusted rash that may appear as round, red patches on the skin. This is easily treated with an antifungal cream from the pharmacy but if left unchecked is easily transferrable. You don't need to see a doctor unless it persists but some pharmacists often prefer children to see a GP to confirm a diagnosis.

Good luck Mrs Brown

We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Brown of Jellyfish class the best of luck as she will soon be embarking on maternity leave and we look forward to meeting baby Oliver Brown!



Pushchairs

Our Governors are very concerned about congestion in the corridors at the end of the school day and have reluctantly decided to ask parents and grandparents to leave pushchairs in the playground. If at all possible, please 'buddy' up with another parent and take it in turns to come in to collect children, collect for one another, or maybe carry your baby and leave the pushchair outside. I am sorry if this causes you any inconvenience, and hope you understand we are considering the safety of all.



Snow Procedures

It is that time of year again when the weather can affect our usual school day. If the weather would deem travelling to school by foot unsafe then you can find out about school closures in the following ways:-

- School will endeavour to send a text message via 'Call Parents'
- Walsall Council website www.walsall.gov.uk 'School closures'
- Local radio alerts on Free Radio, Heart FM, Radio WM



Diary Dates

WHOLE SCHOOL	Tuesday 3 rd January	Back to school – Happy New Year!!!!	
RECEPTION	Thursday 5 th January	Reception Educational Visit to the Snowdome to kick-start their Winter topic! Wrap up warm with lots of layers and please remember hat, scarf and gloves are essential for this chilly trip!	
WHOLE SCHOOL	Tuesday 10 th January 7.00PM	Everyone is welcome to join the PTA Puzzle Partners to share ideas and plan our next fund raising initiative! Snacks will be available!	
RECEPTION	Wednesday 11 th January	All Reception children will have height and weight checks today as part of the Governments National Child's Measurements programme as part of the Change4Life initiative.	
RECEPTION	Wednesday 18 th January 9.30AM	Reception will be walking to the local park, looking for signs of Winter on the way. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for the park and clothing which will keep them toasty and warm on their adventure. If any parents or other family members would like to accompany the children on their walk, please speak to the Class teacher - the more the merrier!	
YEAR 1	Wednesday 25 th January and Friday 27 th January	Educational visit to Weston Park for Year One children for Traditional Toy Day. You will be informed by letter which day your child will be attending.	



MERRY CHRISTMAS and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

