

### A message from Mrs Naffati

Thank you to everyone who supported our Autumn Fair fundraiser; it was lovely to see members of our school and the local community all having fun together. We raised in excess of £800 on the night which is a wonderful achievement! A massive thank you to Mrs Mills and Mrs Lewis who arranged the whole night as our only surviving PTA members! A perfect time I think to send a plea out to parents and family members to support us in our efforts. We have tried many ways, places and times to meet with our families and will keep trying! Our next 'New Invention Friends' meeting will be at school in the dining room on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm – come along for a hot drink and a biscuit and collect your children early that day – younger siblings can come too if child care is a problem. We would love to see lots of you there!



As the countdown to Christmas approaches we will be having a very busy half term so we have combined the newsletter for November and December to give parents (as you asked for in your parent survey) more notice of our main events. We do listen!

### Attendance

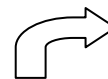
The table below celebrates the attendance of the best class each week. The class with the most consistent attendance this half term was Stingray Class with 98% overall!!!

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| Week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> October  | Caterpillar AM                 | 100%  |
| Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> October  | Monkey class                   | 98.7% |
| Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> October | Caterpillar AM                 | 98.5% |
| Week beginning 30 <sup>th</sup> October | Bumblebee AM +<br>Monkey Class | 100%  |

### Amazing News - World Smile Day

Our Smile Day celebrations were a resounding success the children were supported to talk about sensitive subjects with their Class teacher and friends. Thank you to the super team of mums who came to help to blow up balloons. The balloon release was amazing and the whole school were incredibly excited. The balloons travelled to many destinations both close to school and MUCH further away! Some of the incredible journeys included...

- Ashley Moreton's balloon – Bloxwich Road North – really cheered up the lady who found it
- Reese's balloon – Found by a farmer in Oldbury in his field
- Stanley's balloon – Found on the A40 near Oxford
- Mrs Westbury's balloon – Found in Surrey on a tennis court
- Bella's balloon – Found by Lord Aylesford on the Packington Hall Estate in Warwickshire
- Roman's balloon – Found in Ullswater, The Lake District
- Abdullah's balloon – Found in Leatherhead in Surrey
- Oliver's balloon – Found in Buckinghamshire



One balloon travelled the furthest of all – Matthew Smith's balloon from Panther Class travelled all the way to The foot of a volcano in Le Puy de Dome in central France!!!! The family sent us an email and we will now keep in touch with their children Arthur and Quentin.

### Children's Safety

The gates are starting to become crowded in the morning particularly where Year 1 and 2 enter the building. To ensure the safety of all our children please take a few steps back onto the playground so all parents can see their children into the building safely and any messages can be given to the staff members too. Thank you.

### Parking Problems

Our school neighbours have reported parents parking across driveways and on the grass outside the school building and are understandably very upset about this. Please park considerately and if possible park a little further away and walk the last part of your journey. On such a busy road we want all our children to be able to walk safely on the paths and grassy areas and our neighbours to be happy! Thank you in advance for your support.



## Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our survey on Parent's Evening. These are the results from the 130 replies:-










- Question 1 – My child feels safe and happy at school. 84% Strongly agree, 16% Agree
- Question 2 – The school supports your child and family. 77% Strongly agree, 22% Agree, 1% Disagree
- Question 3 – The school deals positively with behaviour concerns. 68% Strongly agree, 31% Agree, 1% Disagree
- Question 4 – My child is taught well at this school. 82% Strongly agree, 18% Agree
- Question 5 – The school ethos promotes equality of opportunity for children with different needs and from different backgrounds. 81% Strongly agree, 17% Agree, 2% Disagree
- Question 6 – I have enough opportunities to communicate with teachers and leaders within the school. 76% Strongly agree, 23% Agree, 1% Disagree
- Question 7 – School provides opportunities for me to attend training/workshops with and for my child. 74% Strongly agree, 25% Agree, 1% Disagree
- Question 8 – I would recommend this school to another parent. 85% Strongly agree, 15% Agree







Other comments and suggestions have been taken on board and Mrs Naffati is always willing to talk about personal issues or worries you may have.

## Reminder

Thank you to everyone who is following our 'No phone zone' policy. Anything we can do as a community to send a positive message to children is welcomed; the use of phones, good manners, patience, sensitivity towards children with differing needs and appropriate language being used both inside school and on the playground are qualities we are very proud of. We value your continued support as the most powerful role models to our children.

## Diary Dates so far

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|  <p>Nursery</p>       | <p>Friday 10<sup>th</sup><br/>November</p>  | <p>Nursery Learn Together session with Mr Craig in the dining room. Please come along to join your child for a Communication and Language play session. Sign in at the main office. Sessions will begin at 10.00am and 2.00pm.</p>   |
|  <p>WHOLE SCHOOL</p> | <p>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> -<br/>Friday 17<sup>th</sup><br/>November</p> <p><b>TEAM PUDSEY</b></p> | <p>BOOK WEEK – we will be planning lots of book inspire activities during this week. We have a Bedtime Stories competition for children to enter too! We will end the week with a dressing up day as it is also Children in Need. Dress up for Pudsey in any outfit or costume! We will also be collecting 'A pound for Pudsey' – this can be an old round pound coin or a new one we are collecting both for this worthy charity.</p>  |
| <p>Reception,<br/>Year 1 &amp;<br/>Year 2</p>   | <p>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup><br/>December</p>  | <p>Flu immunisations (Flu spray) will be given to all children who have returned a form on this day.</p>    |
|  <p>Nursery</p>       | <p>Monday 11<sup>th</sup><br/>December</p>  | <p>Nursery proudly present their Christmas Performance of 'A Wiggly Nativity' at 10.15am and 2.15pm. Costume letters will be given out shortly. Each child will be allocated <b>two spaces only</b> for the performance, but parents are welcome to video it to share with other family members. Sign-up sheets will be in Nursery soon.</p>   |
|  <p>Reception</p>     | <p>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup><br/>December or<br/>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup><br/>December</p>          | <p>Reception children will be performing 'Whoops-a-daisy-angel' this year. To help the overcrowding the children will be performing on two days both at 9.30am. Each child will be allocated <b>two spaces only</b> for one of the dates, but parents can video it to share with other members of the family. Sign-up sheets will be outside classrooms soon.</p>  |
| <p>Year 1 &amp; 2</p>   | <p>Wednesday<br/>13<sup>th</sup><br/>December</p>   | <p>Years 1 and 2 will be walking to the church to rehearse for their Carol Concert – wrap up warm on this day please!</p>   |
|  <p>WHOLE SCHOOL</p>  | <p>Wednesday<br/>13<sup>th</sup><br/>December</p>   | <p>Today will be school Christmas Dinner day. Children will be offered a traditional lunch on this day. The full menu will be sent via Marvellous Me nearer the time for you to make a choice. As this is a special day we will send a separate letter in order for a meal to be booked for that day (this is not our usual procedure but the kitchens need to know numbers in advance). If a slip is not returned we will assume that you will be providing your child with a home-made packed lunch instead.</p>           |
| <p>WHOLE SCHOOL</p>  | <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup><br/>December</p>  | <p>Today is Christmas Jumper Day!!!! Children can come to school in their own clothes on a Christmas theme. We will be collecting any spare change for the charity 'Save the Children UK'. Buckets will be on the playground before and after school – any donation no matter how small as always is gratefully accepted.</p>  |

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| Year 1 & 2 Children   | Monday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | Year One parents are invited to join us at Holy Trinity Church for our Christmas Carol Concert. An arrangement of traditional carols and modern songs will await you!  |  |
| Nursery<br>   | Monday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | Nursery Christmas Party Day<br>Children come to their Nursery session at the normal time. They can wear party clothes and bring along with them an individual named plate of just a few party snacks that they like to eat. There will be fun, games and dancing galore! |   |
| Year 1<br>    | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>December   | Year 1 Christmas Party Day<br>Children can come to school in their party clothes today. Bring along a named plate of party snacks just for you to eat (parents please bear in mind they will already have eaten their lunch as the party is in the afternoon).           |   |
| Year 1 & 2 Children   | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>December | Year Two parents are invited to join us at Holy Trinity Church for our Christmas Carol Concert. An arrangement of traditional carols and modern songs will await you!  |  |
| Reception<br> | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>December | Reception Christmas Party Day<br>Children can come to school in their party clothes today. Bring along a named plate of party snacks just for you to eat (parents please bear in mind they will already have eaten their lunch as the party is in the afternoon).        |   |
| Year 2<br>    | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup><br>December  | Year Two Christmas Party Day<br>Children can come to school in their party clothes today. Bring along a named plate of party snacks just for you to eat (parents please bear in mind they will already have eaten their lunch as the party is in the afternoon).         |   |
| WHOLE SCHOOL  | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>December    | The whole school will end the term with a 'Sing-a-long-a-Christmas' session with two veteran singers from our local community.   |   |
| WHOLE SCHOOL  | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>December    | School breaks up for the Christmas holidays.   |   |



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



Save the date – We return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018