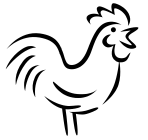


# Wisbech St Mary School News



Weekly Newsletter No.36

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Any questions? Anything you need to tell us about? Any feedback on aspects of the school? Let us know via [talktohead@wisbech-st-mary.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:talktohead@wisbech-st-mary.cambs.sch.uk) 24/7, the office or your class teacher.**

## Christmas Tree

I would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of all the staff and children to Shaun Bowles and his team, who supplied our magnificent Christmas Tree, donated by one of his customers. Shaun and his team spent at least 2 hours last Monday erecting our tree. We absolutely love it and I was very touched when the staff burst into a spontaneous carol when we turned on the lights. Thank you to all the staff and friends of the school who stayed on Tuesday night to decorate. We had a problem with the angel which kept falling off the top of the tree so we are now looking for a replacement.



## Christmas



We are holding our annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 from 3:15pm to 5:15pm. Please can we ask for donations of; chocolate, bottles and tins for the Tombolas; Bric-a- Brac; raffle prizes and cakes.

Santa will be in his Grotto throughout the Fayre. Don't forget your Tea with Santa tickets at £4 each. Funds raised will be split between the school, Cystic Fibrosis and St Mary's Church - Classroom for Kenya appeal.

## Christmas Disco

Tickets for the Christmas Disco on the Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 5:30 – 7:30 pm will be on sale from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Water will be available free of charge and there will be a Tuck Shop available. Tickets are £2:00 for the first child and £1:50 thereafter.

## Festive Friday

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a Festive dress up day, so dress in your Christmas Jumpers, headbands etc and make a donation to one of our Christmas charities.

## Nativity Tickets

Tickets for this year's Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Nativity Production will be available to collect from the School Office from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December for the 10am or 6pm performances on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. There will initially be an allocation of 2 tickets per family, you may put

your name on a list at the School Office for further tickets. Any tickets not claimed by 3pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be reallocated to the reserve list. All tickets will be free of charge.

### **Carol Concert**

Tickets for this year's Carol Concert performed by Y3,4,5 & 6 will be available to collect from the School Office from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December for the performances on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. There will initially be an allocation of 2 tickets per family, you may put your name on a list at the School Office for further tickets. Any tickets not claimed by 3pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be reallocated to the reserve list. Part of the Carol Concert will also be performed at the Church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Abacus Maths Parents Demo Afternoon**

If you didn't like Maths at school come and join us and we'll change your mind!!

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December Miss Poole and Mrs Redhead will be holding a demonstration afternoon for our new maths programme - Abacus. We use this throughout the school but also have provided home access so that children can complete challenges online for homework.

Maths is an area we have identified for development across the school. The Abacus programme supports the National Curriculum outcomes and provides an exciting opportunity for children to practise their skills.

The afternoon will not only give families a chance to have a go at classroom activities and access homework with their children but gives access to video tutorials for parents to show the methods being taught in school.

Please come and join us at 2pm so that we can share this new exciting maths programme with you, We will also be refreshing the Accelerated Reading programme access for parents, supporting this home learning experience.

Miss Poole and Mrs Redhead will also be pleased to ask any other curriculum queries you may have. Refreshments will be provided to support thinking skills!!

### **Book Fayre**

Thank you everyone who came to the Book Fayre we raised £238 in commission which will be spent on classroom book corner books, chosen by the children.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Please make sure you have booked your child's Christmas Lunch by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, even if they have free school meals so that the cook has the correct numbers.

### **Bad Weather**

Please can you ensure that your child has a coat with them every day as a chilly wind does blow across our school grounds at this time of year. We endeavor to take the children outside for breaks whenever possible. Hats and gloves in school are also advisable.

### **Attendance for this week;**

Gold is awarded to Awdry and Clarkson Classes with 98.4%.

Silver is awarded to Octavia Class with 96.7%

Bronze is awarded to Awdry Class with 96%.

Winner of the 100% attendance pencil this week is Kyia from Awdry Class .

House Team attendance winner is St Pancras house

**House Points**

This week's winners are St Walston's House.

Yours sincerely,

*Nina Redhead*

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher



Diary Dates 2015/ 2016 (New events in **BOLD**)

11.12.15	School Christmas Fayre 3:15 – 5:00pm
14.12.15	Whole school Pantomime – am
15.12.15	Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5,6) Carol/Music Concert (2pm – 3:15pm)
15.12.15	Whole school Christmas disco – 5:30 – 7:30pm
16:12:15	School Christmas Lunch
16.12.15	Infant (R, Y1, Y2) Nativity (10am)
16.12.15	Infant (R, Y1, Y2) Nativity (6 pm)
17.12.15	Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5,6) Carol/Music Concert (2pm – 3:15pm)
18.12.15	Whole school collective worship – St Mary's Church 9:30am
18.12.15	End of Autumn term 3:15pm
4.01.16	Teacher Training Day
5.01.16	Back to school 8:50am
15.2.16 – 19.2.16	Half term
24.03.16	End of Spring Term
11.04.16	Teacher Training Day
12.04.16	Back to school Summer Term 8:50am
2.05.16	May Day holiday
9.05.16 -12.05.16	Year 6 SAT's tests (please do not book holidays or appointments during this week)
30.05.16 – 3.06.16	Half Term
6.06.16	Teacher Training Day
7.06.16	Back to school 8:50 am
21.07.16	School closes for Summer 3:15pm