



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 17th November



Toddler Group – Next week is the Toddler Christmas Party! Please bring a snack to share.

Hats and Coats – With the weather now turning much colder and wetter, please can you make sure that children come to school in suitable coats and hats, as we do try to get the children outside at break times wherever possible.

Christmas Draw Tickets – Please could all remaining Draw tickets be returned to school by **Monday 11th December**, if you need any more tickets there are some spares in the office. They are £1 each, with the draw taking place at the Victory Hall on Tuesday 12th December at around 7.30pm after the evening performance of the Christmas Play. First prize is a Large Hamper, Second prize a 19" LED TV, and Third prize a Chocolate and Wine Hamper. Thank you for all the lovely donations that have been handed in for this event, and good luck!

After School Clubs – there will be no after school clubs next week, due to a very busy schedule for both staff and children!

Christmas Plays: Just to confirm: the EVENING Performance of the Christmas Plays is **Tuesday 12th December at 5.30pm**. Please can all children be at the hall in their costumes for **5.15pm**. Costumes should be returned to school the following day ready for the afternoon performance. The AFTERNOON Performance of the Christmas Plays is **Thursday 14th December at 2pm**. Both performances are at the Victory Hall. Please can children be picked up on Thursday 14th from the Victory Hall at 3.30pm.

Christmas Lunch – We are all looking forward to a feast cooked by Linda Johns and her helpers on **Wednesday 13th December!**

Church Service – The Christmas Church Service is on **Wednesday 13th December** at 2.30pm. This is for Years Reception up to year 6. Pre-school children do tend to find the walk and the service a little overwhelming but if pre-school parents would like to collect their children early to attend, then please let us know. The children will be walking down to the church, so please make sure that they come to school with coats and wellies. Please can all children be picked up from the Church at 3.30pm.

Last Day of Term – The last day of term is **Friday 15th December**. This will be a non-school uniform day. There will also be a Zumba disco in the afternoon, so please can all children have their P.E Kits in school for this. Christmas clothing is welcome and to be encouraged! Get those Christmas jumpers out!

Christmas Fair – Thank you to everyone who were able to come and help with the Christmas Fair, and those who donated goods, baked cakes etc. We have made a fantastic £803.50, and this does not include the proceeds for the Christmas Hamper!

Year 6 Outing – Well done also to the Year 6 children, who raised £93.00 through their second hand toy sale at the Christmas Fair. This will go some way towards their outing in the Summer term.

Carol Singing at Lifton Strawberry Fields – Thank you to Lifton Strawberry Fields, who kindly allowed our School Choir to visit and sing some Christmas Carols this week. They raised £64.22, which will go towards some new equipment for the Sensory Room.

Head Lice - If every parent could please check for head lice and treat accordingly over the next few weeks that would be great! This is quite a problem at the moment and can be really distracting for the children within the classroom

School Dinner Arrears – Please can we ask that all Dinner Arrears be paid up to date, ready for the new Term. If you have any problems, please see Tracey or Bex in the office.

Uniform - We have lots of uniform in lost property, please come and check to see if any of the items belong to your child. Any clothes left in the basket at the end of term will be added to our pre loved rail.

New email address – shortly after the New Year, the admin email address will be changing to lewtrenchardadmin@andaras.org Please can we ask that everyone add this to their contacts so that provider spam filters do not reject any newsletters! Thank you.

Book Amnesty – We have noticed that there are a lot of books from our Libraries missing from school. In the New Year we will place a box outside the office, where any wandering books can be placed to be returned.

Pupil Premium, Free School Meals and Early Years Pupil Premium – Just a quick reminder that if you think you might be eligible to claim for any of these, which can provide funds for school support for your child, or pay for clubs, extra-curricular activities etc, please see Tracey or Bex in the Office.

Church School and School Improvement

We have been super busy reviewing collective worship in school and identifying ways to improve the children's engagement and participation. If you or anyone you know would like to come in and speak during collective worship then please let us know. This could be about an interesting job, life experiences, your religion or any other interesting topic. Please let Mrs Powell know if this could be you! We are also looking for people to help us set up an Open the Book group

for our school, this is a group of people from a variety of backgrounds and beliefs who visit schools like us to present Bible stories in a lively and engaging way. Again, please see Mrs Powell for more details.

School Attendance

Attendance is looking great across the school – not an easy thing when there are so many bugs going around! Our target is 97% and each class is close to or above this which is amazing. Thank-you for your support in making sure children are in school on every possible day. Last weeks attendance:

Yes Tor 96.9%

Brentor 97.8%

Fox Tor 96.9%

Great Links Tor 99.3%

BIRTHDAYS

Josh Powell, Joe Hunt and Ghislane Hodgson-Kearley, all celebrate their birthdays in the coming week! We hope they all have a really fantastic day!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017

Week Commencing 11th December – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

12th December - Christmas Play; Evening Performance, 5.30pm (Children to hall by 5.15pm in costumes)

13th December - Christmas Lunch at 12pm followed by Christmas Church Service at 2.30pm

14th December - Christmas Play; Afternoon Performance, 2.30pm (Costumes in school please)

15th December – Last day before holidays, non-uniform day (Christmas Jumper) and Zumba Disco

18th December 2017 – 2nd January 2018 – Christmas Holidays! Back to school **3rd January**

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5th January – Non-pupil Day – no school!

12th February – 16th February 2018 – February Half-Term! Back to school **19th February**

20th March – Year 6 talk with Okehampton College

30th March – 13th April 2018 – Easter Holidays! Back to school **16th April**

7th May – Bank Holiday Monday!

22nd May – Year 6 talk with Okehampton College, with parents

25th May – 1st June 2018 – May Half-Term! Back to school **4th June**

26th July – Summer Holidays!

Holidays – Please could we ask that any holiday/absences be requested in writing and handed in to the school office. * **Sickness and diarrhoea** - If your child experiences an upset stomach, they should be kept off school for a **minimum of 48hrs**, in order to minimise the spread the illnesses. * **Morning drop-off** - If your child is ill, or will be in slightly late, please could you make sure that you contact school (**01566 783 273**) so we can inform class teachers. If your child is not in school by 9.30am, and we have not received a message, they could be registered as late, and this will affect their attendance. * **Parent Advice Slots** – Our family support advisor, Sue Fairgrieve, will be starting up parent advice slots on Mondays from 3pm. Please see Tracey or Bex if you would like any further information.

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