

News Flier.....

Wednesday, 29th November, 2016
Week 12

- **'Christmas Jumper Day'** – thank you to Matthew (Y4) and the Query Crew for introducing and developing a way that we can take part in this national fund raiser – it is always great to have the children's ideas. On Friday, 9th December each child will bring home an outline of a jumper on A4 paper to decorate as a 'Christmas Jumper' over the weekend and return to school on Monday/Tuesday, 12th/13th December. On the sheet is a space for 50p entry fee which will go to Save the Children Fund as part of this national campaign. Judging will take place on Friday, 16th December and entries will be displayed in the Hall at the Disco.
- **Children's Disco – Monday, 19th December**
5:15 – 6:15 Infants and Nursery. Nursery children will need an accompanying adult.
6:20 – 7:20 Juniors
£2.00 per child - £5.00 per family – tickets on sale now via the office
Price includes a drink and popcorn/cake
In addition glo sticks (50p), reindeer dust (50p) and packets of 'snowman soup' (50p) will be on sale
Gifts of small cakes would be appreciated on the day
- **Primary Maths Challenge** – last week a number of the Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in this annual National Challenge. Congratulations in particular go to Ruby Cutts, Emily Willey and Emily Rigarlsford all of whom achieved Silver standard and Selena, Georgie, Luke C, Charlie Hewitt, Ryan and Jake who achieved Bronze standard. The Maths Challenge continues through into secondary school where we have had some further successes from past pupils.
- **Parking Letters** – thank you very much for your support with letters and photos that will contribute to our bid for a car park. You clearly spent some considerable time on this and I really appreciate it. Last week I met with Highways, County Transport Officer and a County Councillor all of whom are right behind this proposed development. I have also received written support from ELDC Planning and Huttoft Parish Council.
- **PE Kits** – will come home on Friday – please remember to wash and return ready for next week's lessons. Whilst the kit is at home, please would you check that all items are clearly named.

- **Weekly Trophies** – winners for the week ending 18th November:
 - Spelling Trophy – Year 4
 - Mental Maths Trophy – Year 2
 - Attendance Trophy – Year 4 Now up to their seventh consecutive week!
 - Homework Trophy – Year 5/Year 6
 - Singing Trophy – Year 1

- **Christmas Plays DVD** – one recording of all five Plays – Nursery, Reception, Infants, Lower Juniors and Upper Juniors – is being made as usual and you will need to order a copy if you would like one. Orders with payment (£6.00 each) need to be received by Wednesday, 14th December.

May I remind you that for Safeguarding matters, *no photography whatsoever* is permitted during the Plays or indeed at any of our school events. May I ask for your co-operation with this and remind you to inform relatives/friends who may be intending coming to the Play performance(s).

- **Create a Hamper** – the draw for these Hampers takes place on Friday morning and raffle tickets can be bought right up until 09:00 that day. Tickets are available via the office £1.00 a strip. There are nine fantastic Hampers to be won – all of which are packed full with goodies!
- **Emergency School Closure** – in the event of severe weather and the need to close the school at short notice, an email will be issued to all the addresses we have registered and the Lincs FM (102.2 FM) and Radio Lincolnshire (94.9 FM) School Closure Services will broadcast our closure and include it on their websites. In the event that the closure takes place during or at the end of the school day, you will be contacted by email in the first instance.
- **National Domestic Violence Campaign** – running until the 10th December is a 16 day action programme. There is plenty of information readily available online to support families in need. Our staff recently received DV training as part of Safeguarding.
- **Our Local Children's Centres** – in Alford, Mablethorpe, Skegness and Louth are now serving families with children aged from 0 – 19 years. The extension in age is to cater for matters/worries/problems that affect families in a variety of ways e.g., eating, sleeping, behaviour, conflicts, hygiene etc. Courses for parents are run through the Centres and rotate across the year. Do call in at your local Children's Centre for advice and support - they offer a welcoming ear.

- **Tiny Tofts** – the last session for this term will be Friday, 16th December – resumes on Friday, 6th January, 2017. Do come and join Mrs Whitehouse with your pre-school child(ren) – there are a wide variety of 'stay' and 'play' activities. Refreshments are served about 9:45.
- **Absence from School** – please remember to write to me as Headteacher, outlining why your child has been off sick from school. The letter should be brought into school onto the first day of return. This should follow an initial telephone call to school on the first morning of absence – option 1 on the ansaphone.

Community News

- **Alford Manor House** – Friday, 2nd December – Christmas Extravaganza – 4:00 to 8:00 pm; Saturday, 3rd December Christmas Tree Festival 10:00 – 3:00 pm. At both these events many of our children's Christmas Colouring Competition entries will be on display. (Our entries are being prepared in school this week).
- **Carol Singing – Huttoft Village Hall** – Wednesday, 14th December 7:30 pm with Alford Silver Band

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Christmas Activities:	The Christmas flier details dates and times of our forthcoming activities – we look forward to seeing you at these events.
Thursday, 15 th December:	Christmas Lunch in school
Tuesday, 20 th December:	Last day of term
Tuesday, 3 rd January:	Holiday Club open – 08:00 to 4:00 pm Please book your child 'in' via the office
Wednesday, 4 th January:	Spring Term 2017 begins
Friday, 13 th January:	FHS meeting – 2:15 in the Hall – planning fund raising for 2017. Everybody welcome.