

# News Flier.....

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2017  
Pre-Christmas Week 1

- **Primary Maths Challenge 2017**.....once again some of our Year 5/6 children took part in this national 'maths for the more able' opportunity. I'm very pleased to inform you that Darcey and Emily (Y6), Skye and Kai R (Y5) achieved the Silver level. Congratulations to them.....and also to our Bronze level achievers – Luke C, Ryan, Charlie Hewitt, Jake, Lucy, Charlotte and Jessica – all in Year 6 – and Harry, Archie and Maddy from Year 5. These are excellent results and our highest ever percentage of Bronze level achievers. Certificates will be presented in Assembly on Monday.
- **Our Christmas Play performances** .....begin this Thursday. In all we will be staging 10 performances! Every child has a part in their class/age group's Play, (Nursery, Reception, Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6). I'm sure you are already becoming familiar with some of the songs as the children practise singing them at home!  
The children performing in the Nursery Play are the pre-school children (September 2018 school admission class). They will need their plimsolls in school please.  
After each performance tea/coffee will be available in the Hall. Do feel welcome to stay and enjoy if you've 10 minutes to spare.
- **Trophies last week**.....were awarded as follows:  
Spellings - Year 5  
Mental Maths - Year 2  
Homework - Year 6  
Singing - Year 4  
Attendance – Year Reception  
The overall attendance figure for the school fell to 94% - some of this was attributable to illness but it is notable that there has been a recent increase in absence due to holidays. Unfortunately all absences, including lates, reflect badly on the school's performance – we need to be reaching for a minimum of 95% 'present' at all times.
- **Weekly Spellings**.....just a reminder that the last 'Test' for this term is this week. The next spelling list will be issued on 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> December for testing on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> for Y6).

- **Instrumental lessons....**there will be no lessons next week, 12<sup>th</sup> December. The last lessons of the term will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The £50 termly cost for instrumental lessons in the Spring term 2018 will need to be paid on or before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 if your child is to continue learning his/her instrument, thank you.
- **December/January Birthdays...**I will be celebrating the birthdays that fall between 18<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December (inclusive)in Assembly on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Those that fall between 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January will be celebrated on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.
- **Christmas Baubles.....**as I'm sure many of you know, each child has had the opportunity to decorate a Christmas bauble, have it kiln-fired and a ribbon put on, thanks to the generous support of Mr and Mrs Lamb. Your child's bauble is now on sale to you for just £5. You can view your child's by going to the Hot off the Press tab on the website and clicking where it indicates the photos – each class, including Nursery, has a photo display there. The baubles are named on the back so we know whose is whose. On receipt of your payment your bauble will be forwarded to you. ParentPay or cash in a named envelope please.
- **Tiny Tofts Spring Term 2018.....**will be held every Wednesday afternoon from 1:50pm – 2:40pm instead of Friday mornings. This is to accommodate a change in the Sports Partnership activities which are moving to Fridays for one term only. Please inform your friends of the change of day/time – we look forward to seeing regular Tiny Tofts 'members' and new ones at our weekly parent/carer and pre-school child stay and play opportunity. First session Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.
- **Just a little reminder....**the FHS 2017 Christmas Fundraiser is drawing near! Do join them from 2:15pm – 3:15 at the gate for their exciting stalls -  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Chocolate Tombola  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Lucky Bags and Teddies  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Crafts  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Cake Sale and Tombola  
 Tickets for Film Night (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December) are still available if you haven't already bought one for your child to attend – 2:45pm – 4:45pm.

- **Governors Monitoring Morning**.....yesterday we welcomed governors into school to see us 'at work' so they could experience first hand, school in action! These sorts of opportunities help the governors to make decisions about what best to spend the school's budget on. Initial feedback from them has been in celebration of the respect, and very good manners of the children, the dedication and hard work of the staff and the wide variety of curriculum activities on offer – maths, drama, art and craft, instrumental lessons, phonics, singing, role-play, reading and IT were all witnessed. Governors told me that it was clear in all their lessons that the children displayed enthusiasm for learning and love of their school. I know you will value their remarks as highly as I do.

### **Dates for your Diary.....**

<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery Christmas Play 10:00am (no tickets required)
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	is our Pantomime morning! Please remember to forward your £10 donation – thank you.
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Film Night 2:45pm – 4:45pm, £5 per ticket
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of term
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Spring Term 2018 begins

### **Community News.....**

<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Sutton-on-Sea Christmas Market
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Singing in Huttoft with Alford Silver Band 7:30pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Crib and Carol Service 2:30pm Huttoft Village Hall

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