

Merley First School News

Autumn 2018 Number 3

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our November Newsletter. We are fast approaching the busiest time of the year when lots of different events are taking place in school.



ISAAC'S BUG HUNT



Our Reception children are very excited as they are off to Avon Heath Country Park for Isaac's Bug Hunt this Friday. Every year Isaac in Reception raises money for the Intensive Care Unit at Southampton Hospital where he spent three weeks fighting for his life. Isaac has invited all the children in Reception to join him in a bug hunt and to raise money for the ICU. If you would like to donate please go to www.justgiving.com/isaacbughunt.

Final Call: Children Starting Middle School in 2019

Just a reminder that, if your child is due to transfer to Middle School in September 2019, you do need to apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. If you live in Poole you can apply online [here](#). If you do not have access to the internet, please call 01202 261936 to request a paper copy of the application form and Parents Guide.

Key Dates:

- closing date for applications: 15th January 2019;
- offer date for places: 15th April 2019.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 29th November

Jack and the Beanstalk - Pantomime

Friday 30th November

Non Uniform Day – MSA

Week 3rd December

Book Fair

Tuesday 11th December

Year 4 Performing at the Lantern Church

Wednesday 12th December

Hot Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13th December

Year 4 at Canford Church Parents Welcome

Friday 14th December

Children's Bazaar

Monday 17th December

9.30 & 2.00 Reception and Y1

Nativity

6.00pm Year 2 and 3 Carol Concert

Tuesday 18th December

2.00 Reception and Y1 Nativity

Wednesday 19th December

Christingle for whole school @ The Lantern Church

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Party Day

Friday 21st December

End of term 1. 15pm

Monday 7th January

Staff Training

Attendance for October 2018

Ladybird 95.6% Butterfly 97.2% Sparrow 96.5% Robin 97.2%

Rabbit 97.9% Hedgehog 96% Kestrel 96.9% Owl 98.5%

Fox 97.8% Badger 98.2% Whole School 97.2%

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Children in Need - Thank you for all your contributions, we raised **£316.79**

NSPCC- A huge thank you for all the sponsorship money, we managed to raise a massive total of **£956.78**



Christmas Performances 2018



Whoops A Daisy Angel - Reception and Year 1

You are warmly invited to join us for one of our Christmas Performances, which will take place in the School Hall on the morning of Monday 17th December at 9am for a 9.15 start, 2.00pm for a 2.15pm start or on Tuesday 18th December at 2.00pm for a 2.15pm start. Owing to fire regulations which restrict capacity in the school hall, we will, as in previous years, need to issue tickets for these concerts. There is a ticket allocation of 2 per family which can be for the same performance or split over two performances.

Tickets will be available between 8.45 - 9.15 and 3.00 - 3.30 daily from Tuesday 4th December via the school office. Should there be surplus tickets, these will be available on a first come, first served basis from the school office as from Tuesday 11th December. Additional tickets unfortunately cannot be guaranteed and are usually few in number.

We would like our children to perform to the very best of their abilities, so, although we welcome pre-school children to our concerts, we would respectfully ask parents of young children to sit close to the exit so that they can be taken out of the hall easily should this become necessary. Thank you.

Year 2 and Year 3 'Eight Sleeps 'til Christmas' -This year we are going to try something a little different. Our Year 2 and 3 children will be holding their concert outside on the evening of Monday 17th December at 6pm (a separate letter will be sent out next week to explain all). There will be no need for tickets for this events as it is outside.

Year 4 -Our Year 4 children are going to The Lantern Church on 11th December and perform to members of the community. Then on Thursday 13th December the children spend the day at Canford Church (so please don't book a hot lunch that day) and you will be invited to attend their concert in the afternoon.

Whole School Christingle

This year we have been invited to attend a Christingle service at The Lantern Church. On Tuesday 18th December the children will be preparing their Christingles in school and all we ask is that on this morning they bring in an orange. On Wednesday 19th December we will walk to the church for the service.

A note about safeguarding....

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children please contact the school to speak to Jane Phillips (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Carolyn Waldron (Deputy DSL). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.