



Outwoods Primary School Newsletter



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17th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow! What a busy term we have had here at school and there is still the last week to go before we all have a well-earned rest! It is also a very rewarding time of year. Many of you have been into school to see one of our Christmas productions and on Monday we will round them all off with a wonderful Christmassy themed play from our year three children. Taking part in a school performance is a special moment for children, and one they will usually remember forever, it helps them with confidence and gives them such a great sense of pride. Even the children working backstage making and organising the many 'props' have made a huge contribution and we are extremely proud of all of them. To all the staff and children I would like to say a great big thank you and well done! At this time of year I would like to extend my gratitude to all of our parents for their continuing support of the school and your children and finally, I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mrs Dandy.



Christmas Fayre

We held our annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 7th December and it was such a busy night! Our PTA the 'Friends of Outwoods' worked extremely hard to put it all together and make it a great success so we owe them an enormous THANKYOU! We will find out soon how much we raised with the Fayre and the raffles. Fund raising events like this couldn't take part without the support and generosity of all our families, so thank you for all your kind donations and for supporting all of our events.



Marle Hall

Last week, forty of our year six children and five members of staff spent the week at Marle Hall Outdoor Education Centre in North Wales. They took part in a number of outdoor activities including canoeing, gorge walking, hiking, climbing, and they even went underground down a disused slate mine! They had a fantastic time, developing skills and attributes based around the four key areas of respect, teamwork, challenge and responsibility. The children were a credit to the school and their families with their attitude and behaviour -Mr Hall says ...***"I would just like to say how wonderful all of your children have been. They have shown a huge amount of bravery, resilience, perseverance and shown some great friendship skills. They have been an absolute pleasure to have on the trip and they have loved every second. It has been so fantastic to see them out in the natural world enjoying themselves. Both you and they should be very proud of their achievements."***

Visiting Theatre Company

Our wonderful PTA have arranged for a visiting theatre company to come into school and perform the pantomime "Beauty and The Beast" for all of the children on Friday morning. This is their third visit and each one has been brilliant, so we are all really looking forward to it.

Due to the panto on Friday -our end of term assembly will be on Thursday morning where we will give out attendance awards and our last gold ribbons and birthday badges of 2018.



I would like to extend my thanks to the staff who went on the visit, they worked around the clock all week to make sure the children were safe, happy and well looked after. Well done and thank you everybody!

Winter Handwashing Campaign

As part of the Warwickshire 'Feel Well in Winter' campaign, the public health department are wanting to promote very simple messages about the importance of handwashing as one of the most effective ways to control infection and guard against winter bugs. It also protects against the winter vomiting bug 'Norovirus', which can spread rapidly. 'Norovirus' is a commonly occurring virus in the winter months which can cause vomiting and diarrhoea. In school we will be more vigilant with handwashing and good handwashing techniques supported by the school health team. It is important to note that children with symptoms of 'Norovirus' should stay away from school until 48 hours after their symptoms stop.

For further advice and some fun educational activities, log onto the e-bug website with your child at www.e-bug.eu



Carol Singing

We are very proud of our choir who brought some festive cheer to the shoppers of Atherstone when they sang in the market square on Friday. They will be singing carols and Christmas songs in St Peter's Church Mancetter on Wednesday 19th

December from 1:30pm if you would like to join them.



Important Dates

- The last day of term is Friday 21st December
- Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019
- School will close for the next Half Term break on Friday 15th February 2019
- School reopens on Tuesday 26th February - **MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY IS A TRAINING DAY.**



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 19th December. If children wish, they can wear their Christmas jumper or a Christmassy coloured top to school on that day. Uniform bottoms please. Thank you for supporting Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, we raised over £300 for Save the Children Fund. If you would like to see our personalised 'thank you' film it is available in the school Facebook Page 'Friends of Outwoods Primary School'.



Coffee and Mince Pies!

Please join us on the last day of term from 2:30pm for coffee and mince pies. Come in from the cold for a cuppa and a chat before you collect your children from school! We will be in the upper school hall.



Atherstone Library

There will be a FREE Christmas Craft and story Session at Atherstone Library on Wednesday December 19th after school at 3:30pm until 4:45pm. Children of all ages will be made very welcome. You can pop in to reserve a place.

