Christmas Activities – REMINDER
Please make a note in your diaries of the following activities taking place during this very busy time.

- Christmas Cake Sale Thursday, 8th December @ 3.25 / 3.30 p.m.
- FOGM Carol Concert Thursday, 8th December @ 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Congratulations Assemblies - Junior – Tuesday, 13th December @ 9.00 a.m.
- Infant – Friday, 16th December @ 9.00 a.m.

Christmas Productions Infant -Tuesday, 13th December 2.00 p.m.
- Infant -Wednesday, 14th December 9.15 a.m.
- Juniors-Wednesday, 14th December 2.00 p.m.
- Infant -Thursday, 15th December 9.15 a.m.
- Juniors -Thursday, 15th December 6.00 p.m.

School Christmas Meal -Friday, 16th December

- Christmas Parties (Infant & Junior) - Monday, 19th December (2016)
- Pantomime KS1 & KS2 - Tuesday, 20th December (2016)

The final amount that we collected and donated to Children In Need was £400.00. Well done to everyone who helped us to raise this fantastic amount of money for a worthwhile charity.

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PARENTS’ NEWSLETTER

04/16-17 2ND DECEMBER 2016

Christmas Activities

JUNIOR PRODUCTION – THE JUNIOR EVENING PERFORMANCE IS SOLD OUT
We still have a few afternoon tickets available for the Junior performance but not all parents have requested at least one. We are limited by the number of tickets available and once that figure has been reached, we cannot exceed it due to fire regulations. We have some tickets left for the performance on Wednesday 14th December.

INFANT PRODUCTION – There are tickets available on Thursday 15th December for parents who’ve not requested any tickets as yet.

Any extra tickets for all productions will be sent out this week if they are available and have been requested via the office.

PARTIES: The Christmas Parties will be held on Monday, 19th December for ALL classes. The Friends of Green Meadow and School will provide ice-cream after the pantomimes and a Christmas gift on the day of the party. Supporting our healthy eating initiative, we will be asking parents to provide healthy foodstuffs e.g. fruit salad, carrot & cucumber sticks and dips, rice cakes etc.

Please note that only baked snacks are eaten in school. This has been very successful in previous years. In the Junior Department your child will bring home a request for the food item (for 6 pupils) you are asked to provide. We ask you to donate enough food for 6 pupils only and a letter/slip with details of this will come home. Thank you for your support.

CARDS: We are really trying to be as Eco-friendly/ economical as possible so ask that children think through who they want to send a card to.

Each class will give out cards but make sure that each envelope is clearly identified with the recipient’s full name and class. Teachers are unable to provide whole class lists due to data protection guidelines. Please help us with this matter and keep this to a minimum to support your children.

 Reception – Handa’s Surprise

In Reception last week we were reading the story ‘Handa’s Surprise’ The story is set in Africa. It is about a girl with a basket of fruit she is taking to her friend for a present but something unexpected happens to Handa on her way there. On Friday we tried some of the fruit from the story. Isla-Rose:

‘I like the mango best, its sweet.’

Year 3 – Maths

Year 3 have been learning all about right angles in Maths. We investigated where we would find right angles in both 2D and 3D shapes. We used set squares and protractors to find all about the properties of a right angle.

Do you know what a right angle is?
**Year 2 - Light and dark in 2G**

In Year 2 we have been learning about light in Science. We explored a range of different light sources and then made our own shadow puppets. We found out the best puppet was made of card because it was opaque. This means it lets no light through.

Oliver, “It made a really good shadow.”

We have also looked at our shadows and how they move throughout the day. It was great fun.

Harleigh, “I really enjoyed the blackout room because it was dark. I like the dark. It is scary.”

What great Scientists.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Class 6W who had the best class attendance across the whole school for the month of November 2016. They are the Junior and whole school winners. The best attenders in the Infant department was Class 2B with 97.65% well done. It was Class 2B with 97.65% attendance for the Month of November 2016. They are the Junior and whole school winners. The best attenders in the Infant department was Class 2B with 97.65% attendance.

**LUNCH WITH THE BOSS**

As part of our ‘Lunch with the Boss’ initiative, fifteen pupils, nominated by their teachers, were selected to enjoy a meal at Frankie and Benny’s restaurant in Selly Oak with Miss Setchell, Mrs Farrell and Mrs Scott-Reed. Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion. The chosen fifteen were: Savannah, Amelia, Emily, Stika, Francesca, Gio, Charlie, Abigail, Isabelle, McKenzie, Emily, Chloe, Angelina, Lauren, and Elias.

**FIRST AID NOTES**

Just a reminder to parents that it is agreed school policy that letters will be sent home informing you of any accidents involving bumped heads and any other incident that are above and beyond a grazed knee or elbow. You will also be informed if your child has had a nose bleed.

**CCTV 24 hr Monitoring**

The CCTV system continues to support school security by recording activity at strategic places on the school site. Images are being recorded over each 24 hours and monitored for the purpose of crime prevention, public safety and safeguarding. They will only be viewed if an incident occurs. Thank you.

**PARKING ISSUES**

The PCSO’s, who now regularly patrol the roads around the school, have asked me to remind all parents that should an obstruction be caused due to illegal parking, they will operate a zero tolerance policy and administer tickets. They have been informed of key periods / events and will be patrolling the area at those times e.g. assemblies, Carol Concert, Christmas productions etc. If you witness dangerous/illegal parking / driving phone 101 with the registration number.

**Year 0 - Food Technology - Bread Making**

First of all we researched about the different types of bread that would have been made during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Eventually we found three recipes that we could make. For the Stone Age bread we went out outside with Dan, for our outdoor learning lesson. Later on, 6W made the Bronze Age bread and 6N made the Iron Age bread. After cutting them we all tried a piece of each and then evaluated them. We discovered that the Iron Age bread was the tastiest because by that time they were able to use a wider variety of ingredients and used better tools and equipment.

My favourite bread was the one from the Bronze Age because the honey made it taste sweet. Luke

**Year 3**

Leanne from 3D has produced a spectacular picture of the Amazon Rainforest with the Amazon River running through it. She completed this as extra home learning linked to our topic of rainforests. Look upstairs in the Junior corridor to see if you can spot it! Well done Leanne!

**SNOW / ICE**

When we have SEVERE snow or ice on the playgrounds, pathways will be treated. We would ask for your extra vigilance with your child in an effort to avoid unnecessary accidents.

If we are at school when we have snow, please could you send your child with a change of spare clothes and appropriate footwear to enable them to continue learning outside. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Year 4 - Barber Institute Trip**

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed their visit to the Barber Institute of Fine Arts at the University of Birmingham. They learnt about the famous sculptures that were on display and had a go at using clay to create their own sculpture based on the story Miss Clara, the rhinoceros.

**Year 5 - Islamic Workshop**

Year 5 have a fantastic time creating different patterns and shapes inspired by Islamic Art.

The Islamic workshop was great. It was a great way to learn new things and an experience we all loved. It was exhilarating and a fun way to learn. Felix 5B

We made lots of examples of Islamic art using a compass. We glued them all on to a piece of card to make a big mosaic. 5B had lots of fun and thought it was amazing. Chloe 5B