

# Hassell Newsletter

## November 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the last few weeks of term we are busy practising for our Christmas performances and getting ready for the end of term celebrations. We look forward to welcoming many parents and relatives to join us for the upcoming events. Please see the calendar dates for further details.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our fundraising for Children in need: we raised a massive £258

The children also had a surprise visit from Dougie, the Dougie Mac mascot. He came with Mr Root to give us a very entertaining assembly to say thank you for the £281.98 that we raised for the Douglas Macmillan hospice.



## Christmas Fair

The PTFA Christmas Fair is on Friday 4th December from 6-8pm.

We really need your help with donations for the stalls. We need: full wine bottles, gifts for the tombola, nearly new stall items and donations to the class stalls.

Please send any items into school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday this week.

Any cake donations would also be welcomed on Friday for the cake stall. Please take any donations to your child's class or to the school office. The PTFA are currently fundraising for new playground shelters on all of the children's playgrounds.

# Anti Bullying Week

November 16th was anti bullying week. The children all participated in activities about bullying and what we can do to stop it. This year's theme was 'Make a noise about bullying'. Many classes took part in lessons and activity ideas from the Anti Bullying Alliance, including the importance of speaking out about bullying to help make it stop. The Anti Bullying Alliance website has many useful links should you wish to discuss their themes further with your children.



As we continue through the season of cold weather, we will endeavour to keep school running as normal. Please ensure that your children have warm coats and appropriate footwear with them each day. If we do get any snow and you wish to check if school is still open, please go to the school website or the Staffordshire County Council information page:



<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/>

We will also send a confirmation text to notify parents if we are open or closed. Please do not phone the school office unless it is an emergency as it ties up the phone lines for people who may need additional help.



## Illness

If your child is ill with sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them off for 48 hours following the last time they were ill. This is to help avoid the spread of highly contagious bugs which can make the children and staff poorly very easily. If you would like further advice, please speak to the office or myself.

# Diary Dates

## December

**Tuesday 2nd** Reception Christmas Play at 9.30

Year 2 Christmas play at 1.30

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**Thursday 3rd** Nursery to National Adventure Farm

**Friday 4th** - Christmas Fair 6-8pm

**Monday 7th** - Flu vaccinations Years 1 and 2

Sentinel taking photos of some nativity groups

**Tuesday 8th** - Nursery Christmas Play at 9.30

**Wednesday 9th**- Christmas Pantomime in school EYFS and KS1,

**Thursday 10th** - Year 3 and 4 Egyptian Day

**Friday 11th** - Senior Citizens and Grandparents Christmas Party (Y6 pupils)

**Monday 14th** - Year 1 Christingle with Father Derek in the school hall

**Tuesday 15th** - School Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 16th** - Reception to Amerton Farm

Year 5 and 6 'WW11 Christmas Street Party

**Thursday 17th** - Early Years and KS1 Christmas Party afternoon

**Friday 18th** - End of term service at St. Paul's Church 9.30 am. Year 5 children leading the service, all welcome.

Own clothes day - Christmas theme in aid of the Children's Society

## Security Reminder:

Please can I politely remind parents not to come into school without being accompanied by a member of staff. This is to help keep the children safe. If you

wish to speak to a member of staff, please see myself or any of the staff doing duty in the morning or make an appointment with the office. Please do not walk past staff members to go through the doors into school. We encourage the children to think carefully about their personal safety and stranger danger and would very much appreciate your support in this matter.



## Care Club

As you may be aware, our school Care Club runs from 7.30 in the morning until school time and from 3pm until 6pm. It is a very busy place with up to 90 children attending on some sessions. Unfortunately we have had an increasing number of children being picked up after the time they are booked in for or after 6pm. As you can imagine, this impacts enormously on staff ratios and the time that staff get home to their families. If your children go to Care Club, please ensure that they are picked up on time each day. We appreciate that emergencies happen and there will occasionally be unavoidable delays, but would like to ensure that disruptions are kept to a minimum.

Please can all fees be paid on time to ensure that Care Club can continue running smoothly. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing many families at our Christmas Fair this week.

Kind Regards

*Kirsty Broome*

