



**Autumn Term Newsletter 6**  
**19th November 2018**

**Staffing**

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to two of our members of staff.



Mrs White, from Parrots and Penguins and Breakfast Club will be leaving us on Friday 23rd November to embark on a motorhome tour of Europe and beyond. We wish her

well, and will be sorry to lose her. We are delighted to have appointed Miss Maidens, who will join us this week as Mrs White's replacement in Parrots and Penguins.

Mrs Haygarth, part time teacher of Parrots and Penguins, is leaving us at the end of term to take up the position of Nursery Teacher at a local Primary School. Mrs Marsh, her job share partner in Parrots and Penguins, has kindly offered to cover by working full-time for a while, thereby minimizing disruption for the children. We'll be sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Haygarth and are very grateful to Mrs Marsh for stepping in to help out.

**Children in Need**

We raised an amazing £382 so far from your 'Children In Need' donations and the children really enjoyed putting money on our large Pudsey Bear. Thank you so much for your generosity!



**Church events**

It has been lovely to see so many of our parents at recent events involving St Michael's Church. The Light Party at St Michael's Junior School was well attended and enjoyed by all, and there was standing room only at the Remembrance Day service on Sunday 11th November.

Yesterday, we were delighted that so many parents were able to join us for the annual Shoebox Service. The grand total of 164 boxes sent from the church included 64 boxes donated on behalf of our school.

**Walking to school**

We've had a call from a local resident about parents and children who walk to school via Croft Road, which is the road at the top of the alleyway opposite St Michael's Church.

Although Croft Road may seem like an extension of the alleyway, it is in fact a road which is used for cars to access houses in Churchlands. Some parents may not realise this, as some adults and children have been walking in the middle of the road rather than using the pavements. If you come to school this way, please use the pavements for your child's safety.

## Parents' Forum

We are looking for volunteer members for our Parents' Forum as we have vacancies for Parent Reps in Reception Year and Moles Class.

Our Parents' Forum meet once a term, on a Tuesday afternoon during school time. The Forum is an important means of communication between the school and parents, and enables us to take parents' views into account when planning changes etc.

If you are a parent with a child in Early Years or Moles Class, please consider helping us by joining the Forum. It's really important that we have Reps from all classes, as the Forum can't be effective with too few members.

If you'd like to find out more, or to put your name forward, please contact the school office.

## Christmas in school

Those parents who have been in school this morning will notice that Christmas has come early, as we have lovely decorations ready for the Christmas Fair on Friday. A huge thank you to Mrs Kelly and helpers who gave up some of their weekend to do this for us.

On Monday 3rd December the Christmas Post Box will be put up inside the school entrance, where children can post cards for anyone in school. The box will be there until the end of term. Classes take turns emptying the post box and delivering cards and children love having them delivered to their classes. This is a much more efficient way of distributing cards. **Please make sure that all envelopes have the first name, initial of surname and class on the front.** Thank you!

## Christmas performances



We've already had a few enquiries from parents who aren't sure about the Christmas play arrangements, so we would like to remind

everyone as follows:

### **Main performances**

**Year R: Tues 11th Dec 9.30 & Thurs 13th Dec 9.30**

**Year 1: Weds 12th Dec 9.30 & Thurs 13th Dec 2.00**

**Year 2: Weds 12th Dec 2.00 & Fri 14th Dec 9.30**

**We don't issue tickets**, as parents and family members can just turn up on the day. **We won't allow any babies or pre-school aged children to the main performances**, so if you are unable to come because you have a baby or a young child, you'll need to apply for a ticket for the dress rehearsal.

### **Dress rehearsals**

Please note that **dress rehearsal tickets are only for a parent with young children** who isn't able to find a babysitter for the main performance. Ticket request forms will be available from the school office from Monday 26th November.

The dress rehearsals are:

**YR: Mon 10th Dec 9.30**

**Y2: Mon 10th Dec 2.00**

**Y1: Tues 11th Dec 2.00**

### **Late arrivals**

**We won't admit any late arrivals to avoid disrupting the performers and audience.** Please arrive in plenty of time as the performances will start promptly. If grandparents or other relatives are attending please make sure that they know this too.