

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

No 328, Friday 2nd December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another great week. Year 4 Cerise class performed an excellent assembly on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They had worked extremely hard on learning their words and their acting was out of this world. Thank you Cerise class.

It is great to see so many of you at our assemblies. Please could I remind you not to put any photos of groups of our children or class photos on social media as we have some children who are not allowed to have their photo taken. Thank you.

The Winter Fair organisation is well underway and I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who are helping to organise it and to those of you helping on the day. I am really looking forward to it. Please do not forget to bring your donations in or signing up on the board by the front door if you can help. Thank you for supporting us with this.

I had a lovely morning in the Nursery today. I always enjoy spending time in there. The children were engaged and enjoying being busy with what they were doing. In Nursery the children have also been very busy creating some amazing models, inside and outside.



In Reception they have been baking delicious gingerbread men. The children really enjoyed trying them. They had big smiles on their face.

Christmas Jumper Day. Please could the children wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 16th December and give a voluntary donation to Save the Children. You do not need to buy a jumper – just decorate one you already have. Thank you.

The Christmas Concert for Years 2-6 will be taking place at Stoke Newington School on Tuesday 20th December at 2pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica
Headteacher



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please be aware that clubs will not be running on the final week of term (19 - 21st December). Booking lines for Spring clubs will be open from Tuesday 13th December to Friday 16th December and more information about this will be sent out in a letter next week. Please ensure you read it for all information concerning bookings and payments.

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week are: Year 2 Peach and Year 6 Buttercup

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 1 Lavender

Whole school attendance from 5 September until 2nd December is 97.0%.



SPORTS NEWS



On Monday 28th November, a group of us went to Hackney Downs Park to take part in a Cross Country race. It was 1.4k and the girls went first, followed by the boys. In each race there were about 200 children and most of the Betty Layward team finished in the top 100! Ethan came 6th and Betsy came 10th!

Well done to the cross country team!

By Ethan Stewart- Caws and Clay Corbett (6 Ruby)



Spanish Pen pals



A quick Reminder – The closing date for applying for a pen pal is Monday 5th December 2016. Children who wish to apply, need to post their slip into the post box, in reception, by the end of the day, Monday. Thanks, Helen

Curious: Year 6 discovering traditions, customs and geographical facts of the British Isles
Creative: Year 5 singing 'fireflies' in this week's music assembly
Ambitious: Our KS2 children competing in cross country at Hackney Downs
Respectful: Year 4 Cerise class assembly talking about fairtrade
Happy: Reception and Year 1 rehearsing for the upcoming Nativity performance

Next Week's Menu

All meat served at Betty Layward in school dinners is halal.

Monday

BBQ Chicken
Sweet potato and chickpea curry
Rice, corn on the cob

Victoria vanilla sponge with strawberry jam

Yoghurt

Tuesday

Beef sausages with red onion gravy
 Veggie sausages

Mashed potato, carrot and peas

Fresh fruit platter or yoghurt

Wednesday

Chicken with aubergine and olives in a tomato sauce

Lentil and butternut squash tagine

Cous cous

Jacket potato half

Green beans

Fresh fruit salad and Yoghurt

Thursday

Beef and red pepper stir fry

Vegetable stir fry

Noodles

Mixed chef salad

Jacket potato with baked beans or tuna

Oat cookies

Friday

Fish and Chip Friday

Breaded cod & chips

Vegetarian pizza on whole meal base

New potato salad

Mushy peas

Jacket potato with cheese and tuna

Cinnamon rice pudding

DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17

Year 2 Apricot Thursday 8th December at 10.20am

Year 6 Ruby Thursday 15th December at 9.15am

Year 3 Emerald Thursday 19th January at 9.15am

Year 2 Peach Thursday 26th January at 10.20am

Year 1 Violet Thursday 9th February at 10.20am

Year 5 Saffron Thursday 9th March at 9.15am

Year 4 Fuchsia Thursday 23rd March at 9.15am

Year 1 Lavender Thursday 30th March at 10.20am

Reception Ocean Thursday 4th May at 10.20am

Reception Aqua Thursday 25th May at 10.20am

Christmas Dates

Tuesday 13th December at 10am – Nativity performance for Year 1 Parents and Carers

Tuesday 13th December at 2pm – Nativity performance for Reception Parents and Carers

Friday 16th December at 10.30am – Christmas performance by our morning and afternoon nursery children for Parents and Carers – there will be no afternoon nursery on this day

Tuesday 20th December at 2pm – Christmas Concert for Year 2-6 Parents and Carers at Stoke Newington School

Parent Workshops for Years 1-6

Parent workshop (years 1-6) on Thursday December 8th 3:30-4:15 - Multiplication and Division and how we teach for mastery.

Greeting PTFAers

Hope all well gang and you've had a splendid week

We're just over a week away before the greatest show on earth rolls into town, but we need your help!

WINTER FAIR 10th December 12.30 – 3pm

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS - Become an apprentice elf, craft creator, face painter or pizza server - Thanks to everyone that has signed up to volunteer on stalls at The Winter Fair but we need more hands on deck! Please do sign up to help on the board outside reception. Spare an hour or so on the day, help us set up on Friday afternoon or Sat morning or tidy away after and we will really rock and roll!

If you can donate the following please do.....

Second HAND TOYS – for our toy stall, please leave the toys in bags outside reception near the board next week.

• **KIDS' TOMBOLA PRIZES**

New and nearly new toys, games, puzzles, craft kits etc.

Please leave labelled with Max

• **KIDS' ONLY SHOPPING ZONE GIFTS**

Unused toiletries, scarves, books, cufflinks, games etc -

anything that children can choose to give as a pressie

Please leave labelled with Max or let Julia Gibbs know

(juliagibbs@me.com)

• **PHOTO BOOTH PROPS**

Please dig out adult and kids Christmas jumpers, Santa hats, reindeer antlers, wigs, glasses, tinsel, holly crowns or anything else & leave them labelled with Max or let Claire Ginzler know (claire@claireginzler.com)

RAFFLE TICKETS

We have some amazing prizes, donated by local businesses and our community. Please do help sell tickets- contact your class rep and of course buy some tickets. You've got to be in it to win it! Full list of prizes will be on posters and on PTFA Facebook over the next week

FINAL CALL FOR XMAS TREES Order your **Christmas tree by 3rd Dec** via the **PTFA** and raise funds. The Christmas Forest have kindly agreed to donate a cut of profits to us. Contact Helen Porter aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk to order your No 4, 5, 6ft tree. Beautiful quality and supports Tree Aid (each tree sold funds a tree for a community in Mali).

6-7ft non-drop Nordmann Firs £54

5-6ft non-drop Nordmann Firs £45

4-5ft non-drop Nordmann Firs £38

Cake Sale DATES

Fri 2nd Dec - Nursery and Y3

Have a fantastic weekend, Adam and Andy, PTFA

MINDFULNESS

Christmas can be a time of joy and great fun for families but it can also be stressful for children and young people for a number of reasons. These include family tensions, stress created by pressure to be "ready" for Christmas, managing loss and associated grief at Christmas time after a friend or family member's death, or divorce of parents, or being part of a new or blended family or missing family members who are away for Christmas. As well financial pressures associated with gift giving and holiday events can add stress and pressure to parents or carers which can flow on to impact children and young people. Over the next few weeks we will offer some suggestions to assist parents and carers with some practical ways to manage Christmas.

How can the stresses and tension of Christmas be managed?

1) Think about the previous year's Christmas and what you learnt from that experience, and come up with constructive workable changes for this year. Talk to your children about what they would like to do at Christmas and get them involved in planning how to spend that time together. Leave plenty of time for organising by starting early.

2) Keep things simple and if you are feeling the pressure of organising and preparing for Christmas talk to your family and get them to help. The less stressed you are as a parent, the less irritable others will feel.

3) Be mindful of media portrayals of the "perfect" Christmas that may push you into the stress and tension of getting the gifts "right", preparing a huge feast, or spending so much time in "doing" that you have little to no time to spend with your child or young person. If you can involve them in making Christmas a joint, celebratory, family event it will be more memorable and less pressured for all involved