

Newsletter 08th December

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It really is the most magical time of year working in a Primary School and our Christmas festivities have started at school, the hall looks lovely with the children's Christmas art work on display. The singing and acting from the children is very moving, it is a wonderful experience to see the children speaking confidently and thoroughly enjoying their parts in the Christmas plays. I am sure you will enjoy watching your child/ren perform.

It has been another busy term and I would like to thank all of the parents who attended the Phonic Presentation I recently delivered and thank you also to those parents who attended the Phonic workshops in Reception and Year 1. I hope this gave you an insight into how we teach Phonics at Zouch and ways to help your children at home.

Christmas Performance Timings

Monday 11th Year 2 performance in the KS1 Hall at 2pm

Tuesday 12th Year 1 performance in the KS1 Hall at 2pm

Wednesday 13th Reception/Pre-School performance in the KS1 Hall at 9.15am

Wednesday 13th KS2 Carol Concert in the KS2 Hall at 2pm and 5.30pm (**Due to**

increased pupil numbers these performances will be ticket only) Please see letter sent out today for further information.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 15th December** we are inviting all children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their uniform and to donate £1.00 for 'Save the Children' charity.

Christmas Lunch

The children will have their Christmas Lunch on **Monday 18th December**, if your child has a packed lunch, please could you put something Christmassy into their lunch box so that they can be included in the festive lunch.

Pantomime

On **Tuesday afternoon the 19th December**, all of the children will watch the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'. For the past few years we have used the same performance company and the pantomimes have been very enjoyable. There will be no cost for this, the school will fund this event as I am aware of all the fund raising we have asked for leading up to the Christmas period.

Xmas Fayre

A big thank you to the PTA for organising such a fantastic Christmas Fayre this week, it was extremely well attended and we raised over £950. This money will be used in the near future to fund new reading materials for our children. Thank you to all children and families who supported and came along.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

A polite reminder please that we require 24 hour notice if you wish your child to attend either breakfast or after school club. We need to ensure that we have the correct ratio of staff to the children in the club and also so that clear communication of who is attending each club is passed to relevant staff in time. This is to help safeguard the children who attend the club and this is our priority as a school.

Primary School Applications 2018

Please be aware that you need to have applied to Wiltshire Council for a primary school place by the **15th January 2018**. This is if you have a child whose birthday is between **1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014**.

Children in Need

This year Zouch Academy raised £466 for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Term Details

This term finishes on **Wednesday 20th December** at 1PM, gates will be open from 12.50.

Children start back to school on **Friday 5th January 2018**.

Winter time

Now the winter frost is here and the weather is very cold, please make sure your child comes to school in a warm coat, not just a jumper. They will need to wear their coat for playtime and for forest schools. If your child is in the Pre-school (Duckling Class) or in a Reception (Wren and Robin Class), they will need a hat and gloves as their curriculum involves accessing the outdoor areas at all times.

Netball Festival

On the 22nd November Miss Knapman took a group of 9 children from Y5 & Y6 to participate in a cluster school Netball event at Wellington Academy. This went really well considering only having a netball club functioning since September this year. The team played lots of matches against other local schools and showed great determination throughout! Both the children and staff were very excited to find out that the Zouch team had come 3rd out of the whole tournament.

Very well done to all of the children who took part and to Miss Knapman and Miss Hargreaves who run the Netball club each week.

Disco

On **Tuesday 19th December** there will be an after school Christmas disco for all of our children. The first disco is for Reception and KS1 children and will be in the KS1 Hall **starting at 5.00 and finishing at 6.00** (all children will need picking up by an adult) The KS2 Disco will follow straight after, **starting at 6.15 and finishing at 7.15** (it would be preferred that children are picked up as it will be dark). The cost of the disco will be £2.00 per child and they will receive a drink and a little Christmas treat to eat.

Value for this term

We are coming to the end of our term where we have focused on the value of 'friendship'. It has been lovely to watch our children demonstrate this value by looking after and caring for the new children who have recently joined the school. I am certain that as we start our new term after Christmas our wonderful children will not forget the importance of being

a good friend. At Zouch we believe that to have a good friend, you need to be a good friend!

Term dates

Mon 11th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Tues 12th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wed 13th Dec	Rec & Pre-School Christmas Performance KS2 Christmas Performance
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'
Mon 18th Dec	Rec/KS1 Activity Morning Christmas lunch
Tues 19th Dec	School Panto PTA Christmas Disco
Weds 20th Dec	End of Term! School finishes at 1PM
Thurs 04th Jan 18	Inset Day
Fri 05th Jan 18	New Term Starts, children back at school.

Nina Johnson Principal

