

# Autumn Newsletter



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**We have made it to the end of a very long half term; the children (and teachers!) are really looking forward to the holidays. Please remember we break up on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and return to school Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.  
Have a lovely half term.**

## **Halloween Disco**

Our Halloween disco will take place on the first Monday back after the half term. Tickets are available to purchase up until Monday morning as we have to know numbers for food reasons. Please remember your child needs to come into school in their normal clothes; if they are in KS1 they can bring their party clothes in a bag to get changed at the end of the day. The party times are:

KS1 – 3.00-4.30 (parents can collect from 2.30)

KS2 – 4.00-5.45

**Please remember all children MUST be collected by a known adult even if they usually walk home alone due to the time of night; it will be dark.**

## **EYFS**

Parties for children within nursery and the rainbow rooms will take place within their session on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. They can come into school dressed up that day.

## **Trips and visits**

We have some exciting trips and visits planned this half term. We do try to give as much notice and possible and we do try to make as many trips as we can free. However, for some we have to ask for voluntary contributions; without these contributions trips may not go ahead or may have to be cancelled later in the year so we ask that you help out as much as you can. We have some lovely free visits taking place this year; our Year 5's have been invited to Dene to use their climbing wall and we will all be going to Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites in December for the pantomime.

## **Swimming**

Year 6 will continue to go swimming until Christmas when it will change to Year 3 and Year 5. Please make sure your child brings their kit every day as it is part of the national curriculum so children must go.

## **Homework**

We have been really impressed with how well children have been reading and completing their homework this term and would like to thank all families for their support. All children from Y1-6 receive online homework and a worksheet in maths and English that needs to be completed. Homework club runs every night if they want to do this in school. Children should read their school banded books at least three times a week; they also need to bring them into school daily as adults in school may listen to them read too. We have seen a marked improvement in reading this half term and appreciate your continued support.

## **Attendance**

The children are loving our new attendance prize system and again we have seen a significant improvement in children coming to school on time and attending every day. Please remember teachers will close their doors at 8.50 so they can register the children who are already in school. Mrs Appleton is on the learning zone door until 9.00; children who come in this door are still marked as bring in school on time and will receive their raffle ticket.

## **INSET**

Our school returns on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We do have some INST days this term. All schools have four days each year when they are closed for INSET and schools can choose these dates ours are:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### **Dates for Autumn half term:**

**Monday and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December – Parents Evening**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Class 9 assembly**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime afternoon**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Parent and child Christmas dinner**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol concert at church**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas concert in school**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS nativity in school**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas party**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas party**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 and 6 and EYFS Christmas parties**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET**