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# AUTUMN 1 2018 NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents...

I hope you enjoyed a lovely half term break and that the children are well rested and ready for another busy few weeks! Please keep this letter in a safe place as there are several key dates for Christmas in the diary section. Reminders will also go out on the school app and Marvellous Me.

## What are we learning this half term?

These are the questions our curious children will be exploring this half term:

- How many colours can you make? (Early Years)
- How can I survive? (Year 1/2)
- Where does food come from? (Year 3/4)
- Is my heart for life or love? (Year 5/6)

We're looking forward to helping them discover some answers and lots more questions along the way probably. Look out for your child's newsletter for further information and homework tasks.

Homework last half term was AMAZING!! It was probably the best homework we have had in school for some time with lots of creative ideas: Anderson Shelters, gas masks, Stonehenge, Castles ... just fantastic! Alongside these models was a lot of excellent research and writing up of learning. Thank you so much for your support with this – the children were so proud of their work and it was clear they had enjoyed doing the tasks.

## Harvest Thanks

Well done to all our Reception children and staff for another wonderful Harvest Festival just before we broke up. As ever, your generosity was amazing and we were able to donate a huge amount of food to Middlesbrough Foodbank; thank you!

## Family Bingo & Fundraising

There are a few more days left to buy tickets for our Family Bingo night on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. These evenings are great fun for all ages and there are some exciting prizes to be won! Food is available – pie and peas for adults and hot dogs for children - and free tea, coffee and juice are available throughout the evening.

These events help raise valuable funds towards events in school such as trips out and visitors in so please do support us if you can. Please contact the school office if you have mislaid your original letter and you would like tickets.

We had a couple of very successful fundraising activities last half term. The autumn disco raised £197 and the non-uniform day raised £231. Thank you so much for your support.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November it is **CHILDREN IN NEED** day and we will be fundraising for this worthwhile charity. A separate letter will be coming out shortly with more details but in a nutshell children can wear something spotty and there will be some dancing involved to raise money! Watch out for the letter!

## KS2 Panto Trip

One of the things we will be supporting with money raised from these events is a trip for the whole of Key Stage 2 to see Peter Pan at the Forum Theatre in Billingham. The total cost of ticket and bus for each child is £12.70 but because of funds raised we will only be asking for a contribution of £3 per child. Live theatre is a fantastic experience but the high cost of it can be very off-putting. We are so pleased to be able to offer this to all our Key Stage 2 children at such a low cost and are sure it is going to be a great afternoon. More details will follow nearer the time.

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## Parking

Please can parents be very careful when parking near to school for drop off and collection. You may have seen social or local media posts about Operation Rochford in Middlesbrough which has officers visiting schools and speaking to drivers about inappropriate parking and the risk of a £50 fine. Please can we ask also that drivers do not block the driveways of residents' houses when they are parking to drop off or collect children.

## Dinner Money

If you pay for your child's school meals, please ensure that you pay at the school office each Monday. If we do not receive regular payment, we will no longer be able to offer a paid meal and a packed lunch will need to be provided. Thank you.

## Christmas Fair

This year our fair is on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** and there will be the usual stalls, games and refreshments plus, of course, an opportunity to meet Santa! The money raised from this is used towards the costs of the theatre company who will be performing Jack and the Beanstalk to the whole school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December and towards Early Years and KS1 parties.

**We need tombola prizes, bottles, books, games, and unwanted toys to use and sell.** Unfortunately we are not able to take any electrical goods.

Please have a good hunt out and start to send things in as soon as possible and help to make this another really successful fair.

## Christmas Performances

Please see the diary dates at the end of this letter for details about Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performances at the end of this term.

Tickets will be required for all these performances to ensure we are compliant with fire regulations.

## Values at Viewley Hill

Our assembly value this half term is **TRUST**. As we do each term, the children will be exploring what trust means and how important it is to be trustworthy. We will be using the following poem to help us with this and, as before, you might like to look at this with your child and find out what they understand about trust and why it is important:

**TRUST is ...**

Taking someone at their word  
Relying on someone to support you  
Unbreakable promises  
Showing that you can be trustworthy  
Treasuring good friends

## Dates for the Diary

*Please check the website and the school app for updates/changes and additions to these dates.*

16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Family Friday – Mrs Lockey
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Class Photographs
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Family Bingo
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Family Friday – Miss Tumelty
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jack & the Beanstalk in school
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec - am	KS1 Nativity Performances
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec- am	Early Years Nativity Performance
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec- am	Early Years Nativity Performance Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec- am	KS2 & Choir Performance KS2 Panto Trip - Peter Pan
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	PD Day – school closed to children
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School open – start of term

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