



Newsletter

November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to all of you who donated to our harvest collection before half term. Your items are appreciated and will be of great use to the Ollerton Food Bank which will help support families in the Clipstone area.

Thank you also to those who dressed in pink for our Think Pink Day in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness. We raised £169 which is fabulous.

We have a number of activities planned for this half term, particularly with the run up to Christmas. Please make a note of the dates opposite. A letter regarding tickets for all the Christmas performances will be sent out closer to the time.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Zoe Anderson
Head Teacher

Remembrance Day

We would like to invite you to attend the Remembrance service and parade being held at All Saints Church on **Sunday 12th November at 9.45am.**

Children will be selected from those attending to lay a wreath on behalf of the school at Clipstone Memorial.

We have poppies on sale in the school office, including special child friendly reflector poppies that attach to zips for 50p.



Ragtex

Please fill a plastic sack with old clothes, paired shoes, handbags and books and bring to school by **28th November**. This raises money for school as well as helping people in developing countries and reduce environmental damage.

Diary Dates

2 nd Nov	Blunderbus Theatre Company
2 nd Nov	2.30pm PTA Meeting
3 rd Nov	Blunderbus Theatre Company
6 th Nov	Infant/Junior Admission Applications open
7 th Nov	8.30am School Nurse Drop In
17 th Nov	Children in Need
28 th Nov	Ragtex Clothing Collection
5 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
7 th Dec	Christmas Fundraiser
11 th Dec	Trip to Pantomime at Mansfield Palace Theatre
14 th Dec	2.00pm Foundation Concert
15 th Dec	9.30am Foundation Concert
15 th Dec	Xmas Jumper Day
19 th Dec	2.30pm KS1 Concert
20 th Dec	9.30am KS1 Concert
21 st Dec	Christmas Parties
22 nd Dec	2.30pm Carols around the tree
22 nd Dec	Break up for Christmas
8 th Jan	Back to school
16 th Feb	INSET Day
25 th May	INSET Day

Infant/Junior Admissions

Admissions for children in the Nursery to start full time in Reception in September and for children in Year 2 who will be moving to Newlands Junior School in September will open on 6th November. Please make sure you apply by 15th January 2018 for your place using the pack you will be receiving in the post from Notts County Council.

Clothing

As the weather is beginning to turn wetter and colder, can you please make sure that the children come to school appropriately dressed with a warm coat and sensible shoes to be outside in. Could you also ensure that all items of clothing are named so that the owner can be identified if it is misplaced.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need again on **Friday 17th November**. This year we will be encouraging everyone to dress up in their PJ's (preferably spotty ones!) or come in non-uniform for a donation of £1.



Attendance / Punctuality

Our attendance target for this year is to get over 96%. The government have said that a good level of attendance is 96% and over. For October we reached **96.5%** which is better than last year.

Class Attendance for October

Red Class	97.8%
Pink Class	96.2%
Blue Class	95.9%
Purple Class	95.8%
Green Class	95.7%

Well done to **Red Class** for having the best attendance last month! Let's try and get all our classes over 96% next month.

We have not had a good start to the school year in terms of punctuality with **over 12 hours** of learning time being lost just in October due to lateness. Please can we also remind you that our doors open at **8.40am** to give the children time to put their coats and bags away before they start at **8.45am**. The children have important 'morning jobs' that they do at this time to consolidate and improve their learning.

We also finish the school day at **3.15pm** and staff often have meetings after school so we would appreciate your promptness in collection.

Parent Support

A huge thank you to everyone who was interested in joining our PTA. Mrs Scotney will be holding a meeting at school on **Thursday 2nd November at 2.30pm** to see how we can take things forward.

Letters (one per parent) were sent home yesterday regarding the two vacancies we have for parent governors. This is a vital role for shaping the future of the school and we would really appreciate your support with this. The closing date for nominations is **Wednesday 8th November at 10am**.

Student Teachers

Currently we have two final year teaching students from Bishop Grosseteste University working with us this term. Miss Unwin will be teaching in Red Class and Miss Prosolek will be teaching in Purple Class. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the school for their final teaching placement.

Healthy Families Drop In

Jackie Caunt from the Healthy Families Team (formally the School Nursing Team) will be in school from **8.30am on Tuesday 7th November** for anyone who wishes to drop in and have a chat. She will be able to support with any issues you may have regarding your child's health and be able to access other services.

MTFC Penalty Shootout

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Penalty Shootout. The children thoroughly enjoyed their training sessions and the shootout itself. As you were aware the money raised was split between ourselves and MTFC Football in the Community and we have received a massive **£1517.75** as our share, so well done! A special mention must go to Elli Clarke in Blue Class who raised £118 and won the signed football shirt.