

MICKLEOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2017

NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary

13th Nov	Anti-bullying & well-being week	2nd Dec	2pm Christmas Fair
13th Nov	6MH Level 2 Bikeability	11th Dec	2.30pm Rec Christmas performance
13th Nov	NSPCC assembly	12th Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas performance
14th Nov	2.30pm Phonics & reading meeting	13th Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance
16th Nov	11.30am Ladybirds' parents invited to lunch	13th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
17th Nov	Children in Need	13th Dec	KS2 Christmas activity day
17th Nov	5HG level 1 Bikeability	14th Dec	Christmas dinner
22nd Nov	Y1, 2, 3, 4 Flu vaccinations	18th Dec	pm Infant Christmas party
23rd Nov	Y5/6 football festival	19th Dec	1.45pm Carol service - Our Lady of Lourdes Church
23rd Nov	11.30am Bees' parents invited to lunch		
27th Nov	NSPCC workshops for Y5 & Y6	19th Dec	Break up for Christmas
28th Nov	3C parents invited to lunch	3rd Jan	Return to school
30th Nov	Y5/6 gym competition		



A BIG 'Thank You' to you all for supporting our book fair during the recent parents' evenings. Overall, we raised approximately £870 which means that school will have over £450 to spend on books.

Derby Lions

We are supporting Derby Lions again this year. A letter has already been sent home asking for donations of tinned and non – perishable goods towards their appeal for the needy and lonely this Christmas.



Carol Service

Our whole school carol service will be taking place, as usual, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday 19th December. It will start at **1.45pm** and will last no longer than 1 hour. Please do not arrive at the church before 1.15pm and also, Canon Ka Fai has asked that you **do not** use the church car park. We look forward to seeing you there.



Interim Reports

Later on this term, we will be sending out a brief interim report, as many of you have told us that you would like feedback in between the parents' evenings in October and February, and then in between parents' evening and end of year reports. The report will give you some information about your child's learning behaviour, behaviour in general and whether they've been meeting the homework expectations for their year. We hope you will find it useful and look forward to your feedback. (Please note this is not a detailed report, it is more to reassure you that your child is continuing to learn.)



Trips

As I'm sure you're aware of from the news, nationally school budgets are extremely tight at the moment. We are no exception to this and at the moment, struggle each year to set a balanced budget without having to lose members of staff in order to do this. With this in mind, we rely on you, our parents, to give the voluntary donations for the school trips that are organised or visitors who come into school to enrich the curriculum, as we unfortunately do not have the capacity any more to supplement this, unlike we previously did. When we do not receive sufficient donations to cover the cost of a trip or visitor, we have to take the hard decision to cancel, which we recently did in Year 4.



We do appreciate that many of you also have to run tight budgets yourselves and so are trying to give you more notice of trips to allow costs to be spread over a longer period of time. Thank you

Children in Need

Just a reminder that Friday (17th Nov) is Children in Need Day. We are collecting loose change to cover Pudsey Bear in classes and the children can wear non-uniform; spots (if they have them) or a colour that makes them feel happy. In addition to this, the children have been asked to bake a few cakes to bring in for a cake sale (and 50p to buy a cake); any leftovers will be on sale at the end of the day for you to buy.



The Spellathon has raised just over £3000 for literacy resources. Thank you to all of you for your support in learning the spellings with your child and for sponsoring them!