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## NEWSLETTER 3



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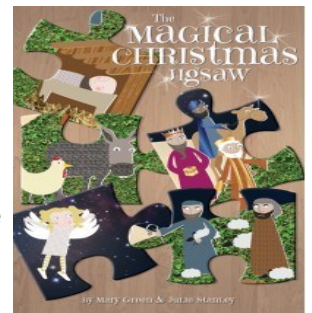
30th November 2017

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Now the days are drawing in, please check that your child has named coat to wear and that any hats, gloves or scarves are also named. Also, don't forget if your child comes to school in boots they need some shoes to change into as boots are too hot to wear all day in school. Thank you for your help with this.

Can I also ask for help with another matter? I recently received a letter signed "All Parents" about an issue in school. If you are the person who sent the letter or if there are parents or carers who know about the letter and wish to discuss it with me, I am anxious to explore the matter raised. Please contact me at school to make an appointment.

### YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Rehearsals are well under way for our Year 3 Christmas production "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw" which will be at 2 pm and 6pm on **Wednesday 13th December**. The children, teachers and teaching assistants have all been working hard so do check your child's bags for the letter which went out on Monday 27th November telling you that tickets will be available for **free** after school in your child's classroom from Monday 4th December. Please note that initially tickets will be limited to 2 per child.



### SCHOOL DINNERS

Please can I remind you that school meals should be **paid for in advance** of the meal. I'm finding quite a lot of my time and the time of our Office Staff is still being taken up chasing dinner money debts. Remember that if debts are not paid, the school have to pay them from the school budget, which means fewer new teaching resources, treats and special events for **your** children. Probably the most convenient way to pay is via the on-line service. If you have not already signed up for this, contact the Office Staff who will be able to help you sign in.

### CHRISTMAS DISCOS

Christmas Disco tickets for Thursday 14th December will be on sale at the Tuck Shop in the school hall from Monday 4th December and will cost £1 each. The Lower School Disco runs from 4.45pm—6.15pm and the Upper School Disco runs from 6.30pm—8.00pm. **All children must be collected by an adult please at the correct times.**

### TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

We have heard that during the week from Monday 4th December to Friday 8th December, Derby City Council will be closing the junctions of Blagreaves Lane and Breedon Avenue and that bus services will be redirected on those dates between 9.30am and 3.30pm along Wellesley Avenue, Nevins Avenue, Sundown Avenue, Maple Avenue and Birchwood Avenue. Please note that there will therefore be more traffic along these routes for that week and that buses will also be using those roads. If you park along there to meet your child or if your child walks home along those roads, please be aware and leave extra time and warn your child to be extra careful.

### Dress Code

Please remember that we don't allow JoJo Bows or large hair ornaments for safety reasons and we would ask that parents do not dye children's hair. In fact, on 30th October 2017, BBC Wales published an article about the dangers of hair dye for children (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-41796586>). According to the article, hair dye manufacturers say their products are not intended for anyone below the age of 16.

### Cycling to School

Cycling is very good exercise and reduces pollution, so we are happy that some children choose to bring their bikes to school. Please remember that only children who have successfully completed the Year 5 cycle training are allowed to cycle to and from school without an adult. Everyone else must be accompanied by an adult. Please also ensure that your children wear their helmets all the way to and from school and that they have a bike licence attached to their bike and have a lock to lock it in the bike shelter.



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Wednesday 13th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day – Wear a Christmas or Winter-themed jumper <b>with your school trousers or skirt and school shoes</b> , minimum donation of 50p.
Wednesday 13th December	2 pm 6 pm	Year 3 Christmas Production for Parents
Thursday 14th December	Lower School 4.45-6.15pm  Upper School 6.30–8.00pm	Christmas Disco Tickets £1 Please bring a maximum of £1 for sweets.
Friday 15th December	All day	Treat Day
Friday 15th December	3.30 pm	School closes for children for the Christmas Holiday
<b>Monday 18th December</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>INSET DAY 3</b>
<b>Tuesday 19th December</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>INSET DAY 4</b>
<b>Wednesday 3rd January</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>INSET DAY 5</b>
Thursday 4th January	8.55am	School Re-opens
Monday 22nd January	9.30-10.30am 9.30-11.00am	GAPS Sessions for Parents of Year 5 and 6 children
Week beginning Monday 12th February	All Week	Year 6 Mock SATs
Tuesday 13th February	All day	Year 5 trip to the Gurdwara
Friday 16th February	All day	Treat Day
Friday 16th February	3.30pm	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 26th February	8.55am	School Re-opens
Monday 26th February	11.15am- 3.30pm	Year 6 Fire Safety Talks

## MATHLETICS

Please don't forget that all the children have a Mathletics password and login details. Mathletics has lots of fun games and challenges to help children improve their maths, so encourage your children to login and get some practice. If you need help to login, please contact your child's teacher.

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## DERBY LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We have begun collecting food to be distributed by the Salvation Army, Food Banks and Refugee Centres, but we still need more before it is all collected by Derby Lions. Please send into school any donations - a tin of food or a packet of non-perishable food or drink (no glass items please or alcohol) - by **Tuesday 5th December** so that we can help support this important appeal.

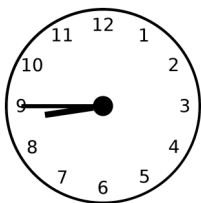


## A V.I.P. VISITOR

The children had an amazing time when Jeff Rich, ex-drummer of the band "Status Quo", visited us on Monday 13th November to hold a Drum Masterclass. It was loud, but great!



## EARLY ARRIVERS



The cold weather is here and I am concerned about a number of children who are arriving very early before school starts. While we are keen for children not to be late, arriving too early can lead to children standing outside in freezing conditions with nobody supervising them. If you have childcare issues before school, don't forget that there is a breakfast club your child could go to at Ridgeway: we can't be responsible for your children before 8.45am.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17th November we all wore something yellow or spotty and made a donation to Children in Need. I'm proud to say we raised £268.02 to support the work of this important charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



## AN UNEXPECTED EVENT

On Friday 24th November our special lockdown alarm, which is newly installed and isn't fully commissioned yet, went off. We have been in touch with the company who installed the system and we are unsure why it triggered, but we were very proud of the way the staff and children responded, particularly the Year 3 children who haven't yet had any training in our "Lockdown" procedure.

We do not usually comment when we have fire alarm practices etc., but I thought I should just mention this very unexpected one. Well done everyone!