



Newsletter

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Message from Head Teacher

Last Tuesday we held our Open Day sessions for prospective Reception parents and were delighted to welcome so many new families to look around our school. I always feel extremely proud to show our school to visitors who often comment on the high quality displays and range of curriculum opportunities on offer. Some of our Year 6 pupils accompanied each group and were able to give a pupil's perspective on our school. They were fantastic ambassadors for New Oscott Primary School. Thank you to all these pupils - and also our Music Ambassadors who performed as our visitors arrived.

A reminder to all parents of children who will have their 4th birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 that applications for a Primary School place must be made online by **15th January 2020**. Please note that you still need to apply even if you already have an older child at our school. Parents of pupils who attend our Nursery also have to apply for a Reception place. There is no automatic transfer. Please speak to Mrs Kerr in the School Office if you require further information.

Children in Need Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need Day. We raised an amazing £1054.00!

Particular thanks to School Council pupils who helped to organise the cake and magazine sales and to Miss Coleman, Mrs Devine and Mrs McMahon who organised the day.



Additional School Closure

We have been informed that our school will be used as a polling station in the General Election on **Thursday 12th December**. Please note that New Oscott Primary School will be closed to all pupils on this date.

Twitter

Please follow our school on Twitter. The teachers regularly post photos and news of activities happening in school.

Christmas Dinner

This year, the children's Christmas Dinner will be on **Wednesday 11th December**.



Christmas Fair

Our annual NOSPA Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 6th December at 4.00 p.m.** **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME.**

We are now collecting the following items:

- *toys
- *prizes for Tombolas and Raffle
- *tins, bottles, wrapped foods

If you can help with any of the above, please send in your donations to the School Office. In particular, we need prizes for our Raffle. If you, or your employer, are able to donate a prize, please could you let Katie Tirrell know via the School Office.

Friday 6th December will also be a non-uniform day for pupils. In return we ask for a donation for one of our stalls. Please note, we will **not** be doing face painting at school this year.

Pupils will bring home a white bag to decorate and fill with items costing 50p which will then be sold at the Fair. This stall is always very successful. Please return this bag by 6th December.

Finally, please do come along to our Christmas Fair at **4.00 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you for your support.



NOSPA NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOSPA NEWS

Christmas Fair -

Friday 6th December 2019 4-6pm.



We need as much help as possible from parents during the day and also to run stalls on the afternoon. If you are able to help in any way please contact Katie on 07888 131203.

We have lots of new things going on this year. A craft stall will be in the junior hall. We will have burgers & hot dogs available in the Junior Hall. In the Infant hall we have tombolas and lots of games. We are also expecting a visit from Father Christmas so we hope to see you in his special grotto.

Santa Letters

See attached letter for details of how your child could receive a special letter from Santa. Deadline for this is **Friday 29th November**.

Christmas Card Designs



Christmas Cards will be available at the start of December. A message will be sent when a confirmed delivery date is known.

Contact Us: ☎ Katie Tirrell 07888131203 ✉ E-mail: email.nospa@gmail.com or via our facebook & twitter pages.

Impact Sessions

A reminder that Year 3 Impact sessions will take place next week:

Year 3 Impact sessions will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 26th November 9.15 a.m. Mrs Davey's Maths set

Wednesday 27th November 9.15 a.m.

Ms Boora's Maths set

Thursday 28th November 9.15 a.m. Miss Croton's Maths set

We ask that each pupil has a parent/carer or family member to work with during this session if at all possible please.

Instrument Lessons Availability

There are currently spaces for Junior children to have clarinet, flute and cello lessons. Please contact Mrs Jones in the School Office for further details.

Speech Recital

Speech and Drama pupils will be taking part in a Speech Recital in the Infant Hall on **Wednesday 27th November** at 4.15 p.m. Parents of these pupils are invited to attend.

Eco-Council Up-Cycling Competition

Thank you to everyone who supported our Up-Cycling Competition. We had some very creative and imaginative entries! Congratulations to the following prize winners:

1st prizes:

Joshua Beighton: Eggcellent bag

Matthew Moule: Remembrance Day picture

William and Isabelle Mason: wind turbine

Amelia Russell: bird feeder

Andrew Moule: bug hotel

Jacob Cavaliere: bottle rocket



Runners Up:

Ella Panjanaden: scarf and gloves

Delta Yates: Frostheart scene

Ava Russell: gift box

Peter Moule: bug hotel

Parent Governor Elections

We currently have 2 parent Governor vacancies and would particularly welcome applications from parents with the following skills and experience:

- legal skills, knowledge and experience
- GDPR knowledge and experience
- HR skills and experience

A letter is being emailed out today with more information about the Parent Governor role and details of how to apply. Should there be more than 2 applications, a parent ballot will be held. Please note that the closing date for applications in **Friday 29th November at 4.00 p.m.** Applications should be handed in to the School Office.

Christmas Shopping Online?

If you are ordering any items online, please consider ordering via www.thegivingmachine.co.uk to make a free cash donation to NOSPA. Over 600 popular retailers taking part in the scheme (including Next, Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, Boots & Homebase) will donate a small percentage of the cost of your order to NOSPA - at no extra cost to you. To support this scheme, visit the Giving Machine website and select NOSPA.

E-Safety Leaflet

Please find attached E-Safety leaflet 5 for parents: A Parent's Guide to Twitter.

All of these E-Safety leaflets are also available on the school website.

Christmas Concerts



You are warmly invited to join us for your child's Christmas Concert/Assembly. We do not issue tickets for these performances but would ask that only two family members attend your child's performance to ensure that we do not exceed numbers. Please note that pushchairs and prams are not permitted in the school halls during these performances. Children in other year groups will have the opportunity to watch their siblings' performances at another time. This is with the exception of the Nursery Nativity; brothers and sisters will be permitted to attend the performances on Wednesday 11th December.

Reception and Year 1 will be performing 'A Christmas Recipe' in the Infant Hall on **Wednesday, 18th December** at 9.15 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Please could Year 1 parents attend in the morning and Reception parents attend in the afternoon. Both performances will be the same.

Nursery are looking forward to performing their 'A Nursery Rhyme Nativity' on **Wednesday 11th December** at 10.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. in the Infant Hall.

All the above performances will be filmed and a DVD will be available to order.

Year 3 and 4 will present their 'A Musical Christmas' Assembly in the Junior Hall on **Monday, 16th December** at 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. Please could Year 3 parents attend in the morning and Year 4 parents attend in the afternoon. Both assemblies will be the same.

Year 2 will present their 'Christmas Medley' Assembly on **Thursday 19th December** at 9.15 a.m. in the Infant Hall.

The Years 3 & 4 and the Year 2 assembly will not be filmed.

Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a 'Festival of Carols and Readings' at St. Columba's Church on **Tuesday, 17th December** at 1.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. This will not be filmed. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the church's nominated charity.

Please could I remind parents and visitors to park safely and considerately in the roads around our school, especially during concerts when there is likely to be a high number of vehicles in the area. Also a reminder that photographs and recordings must not be shared on any social media site/internet.

Junior Trips to Christmas Pantomimes - Change of Dates

Thank you to all parents who have already paid for the Junior trips to see the pantomime at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall in December.

Please note that the dates for these have changed, due to the clash with the Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert on Tuesday 17th December.

The pantomime visits will now take place on the following dates:

Friday 13th December (a.m.): Year 6

Tuesday 17th December (a.m.): Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 18th December (a.m.): Year 5

Staff News

We were very sorry last week to say goodbye to Mrs Coupe who has worked as Senior Lunchtime Supervisor in the Infants for the last 7 years. We would like to thank Mrs Coupe for all she has done in this role and wish her good luck with her new job.

Our new Senior Lunchtime Supervisor is Mrs Kerr, who also works as Admissions Secretary in the School Office.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate in contacting me or Mrs Budden.

Yours sincerely

Alison Walklett

Mrs A Walklett

Diary Dates 2019-20 Autumn Second Half Term

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| Thursday 21 st November | 9.15 a.m. | 4D English set Impact |
| Tuesday 26 th November | 9.15 a.m. | 3D Maths set Impact |
| Wednesday 27 th November | 9.15 a.m. 4.15 p.m. | 3B Maths set Impact Speech and Drama Recital in Infant Hall |
| Thursday 28 th November | 9.15 a.m. | 3C Maths set Impact Year 2 NSPCC PANTS lesson Parents' Drop-in |
| Friday 29 th November | 2.45 p.m. | 5W Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 4 th December | | Nursery to visit postbox to post letter to Father Christmas |
| Thursday 5 th December | | Christmas Post starts in school |
| Friday 6 th December | | Non-uniform Day for Christmas Fair (please bring a donation for one of the stalls) Christmas Fair |
| Wednesday 11 th December | | Children's Christmas Dinner |
| Thursday 12 th December | | SCHOOL CLOSED (due to use as Polling Station for the General Election). |
| Friday 13 th December | a.m. | Year 6 to pantomime at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall |
| Monday 16 th December | 9.15 a.m. & 2.15 p.m. | Years 3 & 4 Christmas Assembly p.m. Years 5 & 6 to St Columba's Church for practice |
| Tuesday 17 th December | a.m. 1.45 p.m./6.30 p.m. | Years 3 & 4 to pantomime at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Columba's Church |
| Wednesday 18 th December | 9.15 a.m. & 2.00 p.m. a.m. | Year 1 & Reception Nativity Year 5 to pantomime at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall |
| Thursday 19 th December | 9.15 a.m. | Year 2 Christmas Assembly Christmas parties |
| Friday 20 th December | | Special certificate assemblies BREAK UP |
| Monday 6 th January 2020 | | Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils) |
| Tuesday 7 th January | | All pupils return to school for Spring Term 2020 |