

# William Shrewsbury Primary School

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## Newsletter No 3 November 2018



Dear Parents,

This is our Christmas newsletter which is packed with useful information about concerts, parties and Christmas lunch. Please read it carefully and put it somewhere safe as there is a lot happening in the next few weeks and you may need to refer back to it! We look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

Don't forget it is our annual Christmas Fair **tomorrow** and we look forward to seeing many of you then. It's not too late to buy your Grand Draw tickets to win £200 in cash, a luxury Christmas hamper, a family photo shoot or many other prizes! Mr Runacus and I will be selling tickets near the entrance on Saturday. Many thanks as always to the hardworking AFWS committee in preparing for the event. You will find further information in the newsletter.

Elaine Curtis

### Christmas Charities

You have always been so very generous at Christmas when the school community tries to help those who are less fortunate than we are. This year we will be supporting 3 different charities. If you would like to make donations to support them there will be opportunities at our forthcoming Christmas concerts.

The charities are:

Nursery	NSPCC
Reception	NSPCC
Y1 & Y2	Footprints Orphanage
Y3 & 4	me&dee
Y5 & 6	Age UK



Thank you for your support for these very worthwhile projects.

### AFWS Christmas Fayre - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.

**It's tomorrow!** We hope many of you will come along to enjoy all the wonderful attractions. We have lots of stalls, games and fun activities and THE BEST Santa's Grotto in town! Come and have fun and support the school at the same time. We still need lots of helpers so please let us know if you have some time to spare to help run a stall or clear up at the end.



## Christmas Concerts

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 concert, Main Hall Y2 concert, St Mary's Church	9.30am 2.00pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 concert, Main Hall Y2 concert, St Mary's Church	9.30am 2.00pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 concert, New Hall Y6 concert, Main Hall	9.45am 2.00pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 concert, New Hall Y5 concert, Main Hall	9.45am 2.00pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception concert	2.00pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception concert Nursery Christmas songs	2.00pm 11.00am/2.30pm

## Christmas Party

We will be organising the Christmas parties in the same way as last year. We will still be providing a hot Christmas dinner on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December but the **whole school will have a party on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December!** We encourage **every junior** child to pay for a school lunch for the party day (£2.30) and the cook will provide party food (Chicken nuggets/quorn sausage, curly fries, peas/beans, ice cream/fruit salad. Last year the children *really enjoyed* this so we hope *everyone* will take part again this year. The children can wear party clothes for school on that day.

Please pay on your ParentPay account (**juniors only**) by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. If you need your log-in details for ParentPay then please contact the office, they will be happy to help.

Nursery children will be having their Christmas Party on **Wednesday 12th December** within the normal Nursery times. Children are welcome to wear party clothes and we will provide party food.

## Jack and the Beanstalk

Key Stage 1 children are getting very excited about our upcoming trip to the Pantomime on December 18<sup>th</sup> to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

There are a few families yet to pay via Parent Pay so please try to do this soon.

## Nursery Christmas Dates

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Parent Christmas activity session  
Morning children - 10.30-11.45am  
Afternoon children - 2.00pm - 3.15pm

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery Christmas Party  
Within normal nursery times



## Christmas Postbox

The school Christmas Postbox opens on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** so that children can bring cards in for their friends to be delivered to class. Please help your child when writing the cards to ensure they put the **name and class** on the envelope to help the little elves deliver them to the right place.



## Reception Christmas Crafts

Just a reminder about our Christmas Crafts mornings.

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

RG 9.30am - 11.00am

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

RR 9.30am - 11.00am

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

RB 9.30am - 11.00am

## AFWS Events

After the Christmas Fayre, AFWS will be straight into organising more fun events.

### Christmas discos

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December:

Years 3 & 4 6.30 - 7.45pm

Years 5 & 6 8.00 - 9.30pm



### Christmas Chocolate Bingo

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 1.00-3.00pm  
at school



## Christmas Dinner Day 14<sup>th</sup> December

All children can wear festive Christmas jumpers (or red or green tops) over their normal school uniform on Christmas Dinner day. This is just to get us in the festive mood!

Please make sure you have booked your junior child's Christmas lunch and paid in advance (£2.30) on Parent pay.



Thank you

### Road Safety Message

It's autumn and the clocks have gone back! This means the evenings are dark sooner and some days can be very dull, and of course it will start to get cold so its winter coat time and hoods up, but...

**Can you be seen?**

**Make sure you wear something light coloured, reflective or fluorescent**

**Can you see properly before you cross the road?**

**Take your hood off your head to Stop, Look and Listen**

It's difficult for vehicle drivers to see you when you're in dark clothing and when there's no street lights so please...

**THINK!  
BE SAFE!  
BE SEEN!  
STAY SAFE!**



### Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our recent Book Fair. We hope that you and your children enjoyed some of the activities and events.

The Book Fair raised £1730.49 to buy lovely new books for all the children to enjoy in school.



### Head Lice

We would be grateful if you could check your children for these unwanted visitors! Holiday times, when children have less contact with one another, are a good time to check and treat your child if necessary.

In my last newsletter, I outlined a list of some of the things that we believe children will need to learn now in order to be happy as they grow up to become independent adults. This was a long list and so I said that I would look at these one at a time in following newsletters. This time, I would like to share some of the things that we do to help children to learn how to stay safe:

- Basic road safety - for example in Year 4 they take part in the Stepping Out programme.
- Younger children learn to ride on the balance bikes safely. Junior children take part in Bikeability to learn to ride a bicycle safely on the road wearing the correct safety clothing.
- In Years 3 and 4, we teach children how to swim and how to stay safe around water.
- Throughout the school, we teach children about 'stranger danger' and alongside this internet safety. Of course, this does not mean that it is safe to let your children go online without close supervision or that it is safe to use apps above their legal age.
- Each class has a Health and Safety Committee representative.
- Throughout the school, there is a personal, social, health and citizenship programme.
- If anything new happens in school or if children are taken out on visits, they are made aware of the risks involved and how to mitigate them.

As parents, I'm sure that you will appreciate that this is not an exhaustive list. If you want to know more, there is a more detailed version of this item on our [website](#).