



# Aston Fence J&I School Newsletter November 2023



Welcome to our November newsletter. As we look forward to Christmas, we are busy in school preparing for all the normal Aston Fence traditions which take place at this time of year. All of our children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas productions and the Christmas Fair will soon be upon us again. These are always special times for us in school and we hope you will join us to celebrate and make memories once more.

## In Memory of Jude

Our 'Sparkle and Shine' disco in memory of Jude was a wonderful event and your kind donations meant that we raised £349.40.

Staff from Utilita Gym, who ran our boxing after-school club, also held a fundraising event and have donated £289.83 to school in memory of Jude.

We are now working with Jude's parents to create a 'Memory Garden' near the lower playground and they have kindly given school permission to use all of this money for the development of this area.

We are keen to develop this area for all our pupils to use which reflects Jude and his wonderful personality.

## Children in Need



Following our recent non-uniform day, we managed to raise £195.00 for this very worthy charity. Thank you for all your donations.

## Christmas Fair, Raffle & Secret Room – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

It is that time of year again when hopefully many of you will be able to visit school for the Christmas Fair and Christmas concerts. All money raised will be used for the benefit of all our children and for a variety of purposes. Last year, we subsidised all educational visits and provided extra classroom resources. We would be grateful for any donations, which can be left in the school office.



Christmas raffle tickets are on sale at a cost of £1 per book. If you would like to support us by purchasing some tickets, please send the money into school in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with your child's full name and class number. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair.



## Secret Room

If you would like to donate any new toiletries/small unwanted gifts for male/female presents, please bring them to reception. Children can purchase their gifts from the Secret Room at the school fair at a cost of £1.50 per gift. If there are items still available, any children not attending the fair but wanting to purchase a gift will be able to do so on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

All money raised will be used to subsidise all of our educational visits and the purchase of new reading materials for all of our children. Thank you for your support with this endeavour.

## Christmas Concerts – w/c 11<sup>th</sup> December

Two tickets per child will be allocated for Christmas concerts and will be available for children in Y1 to Y6. Please complete the slip that will be sent home. Tickets are free of charge and limited to **two per child on the day of the concert**. Space and fire regulations limit the number of people we can accommodate in the school hall.

**Our FS2 concert will run once in the morning and all other concerts will take place twice – see Dates for Your Diary. Please note that tickets are not required for our FS2 concert as we have fewer children taking part.**



## Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

A traditional Christmas dinner of turkey, seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes and creamed potatoes will be served on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. **The banding system will not be used on this date as this will be the only choice available.**

Parents of children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6) are asked to ensure there is enough credit in their account.

Once again, we are supporting local charities by asking children and staff to wear something for Christmas in return for a 50p donation. Please do not go out and buy something special - anything of a festive nature will be fine – a festive jumper, a Santa hat, novelty antlers etc. Taking part in the day is, of course, optional.



**The official Save the Children Christmas Jumper day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and children are also welcome to wear something festive on this day too. We will not be collecting donations on this date – just 21<sup>st</sup> December.**



## Dates for Your Diary

### **DECEMBER**

Fri 1	Christmas Fair - 4.15-6.00pm
Tues 5	FS2 Visit St Mary's Church, Handsworth
Mon 11	FS2 Christmas Concert – 9.15am
Tue 12	Y1&Y2 Christmas Concert – 9.15am & 1.30pm
Wed 13	Y3&Y4 Christmas Concert – 9.15am & 1.30pm
Thur 14	Y5&Y6 Christmas Concert – 9.15am & 1.30pm
Wed 20	Y3&Y4 Christmas Party – am
“	Y1&Y2 Christmas Party – pm
Thu 21	FS2 Christmas Party – am
“	Y5&Y6 Christmas Party – pm
“	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper
<b>Thu 21</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>Fri 22</b>	<b>Inset Day - School closes for Christmas</b>

### **JANUARY 2024**

<b>Mon 8</b>	<b>School open</b>
Wed 17-Fri 19	Y6 Residential – Sheringham Youth Hostel
Mon 2	Y3 & Y4 Visit Creswell Craggs (details to follow)
Tue 30	Y5 Visit Murton Park (details to follow)

### **FEBRUARY**

<b>Fri 9</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>Mon 19</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>

### **MARCH**

<b>Thu 28</b>	<b>Last day of term – school closes for Easter</b>
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### **APRIL**

<b>Mon 15</b>	<b>School open</b>
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### **MAY**

<b>Mon 6</b>	<b>School closed - May Day</b>
w/c Mon 13	Y6 SATs week (and possibly the week after)
<b>Fri 24</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>

### **JUNE**

<b>Mon 3</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>Tue 4</b>	<b>School open</b>
<b>Fri 28</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>

### **JULY**

<b>Tue 23</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
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