



## Infant School Newsletter Monday 28th November 2016



Thank you to everyone who came to the open classrooms last week. We hope you all enjoyed looking around the classroom, seeing all of the artwork and hard work from the children in the class!

This week we will be:

- Using different descriptive language to describe a painting from the Crimean War
- Planning our Big Write
- Writing a Big Write on Florence Nightingale & Mary Seacole
- Rehearsing our Christmas production
- Subtracting in maths
- Developing our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Learning about the different seasons in science
- Sounding out and blending in phonics
- Learning the songs for our Christmas Production

### Christmas Production

The children are really excited about their Christmas production 'Lights, Camel, Action!' They have been rehearsing the songs, lines and dances well. The costume letter for your child has already been sent home. Please don't feel obliged to go out and buy items if you don't have the costume. We will provide items in school where necessary.

Thank you to all the parents and family members that have been helping their child rehearse their lines (if they have any). This week we will start to rehearse altogether in the hall. Due to the large number of children and parents this year we will be performing two performances of the show to accommodate this.

However, tickets are limited to two per child, and this includes babies or children sat in laps. Please note: buggies and prams are not allowed in the hall. This is down to strict fire regulations for the number of people permitted in the hall. If you would like more tickets then please request these at the office. If you cannot make either performance please notify the office so that tickets can be reallocated to people who have requested more.

### Reading with your child

Reading daily at home with your child is part of our daily homework expectation and is an incredibly valuable activity to support your child with their learning.

### Flu Vaccinations

All of the children who had their flu vaccinations last week were very brave and sensible when having the nasal spray. They should have come home with a form acknowledging this. If your child did not have the vaccination and you would like them to do so, please contact your doctor where they should be able to arrange this for you.

### Moving Book Bands

If your child is reading confidently and fluently at home you may wish them to move onto the next band. Please write this in your child's reading record and we will ensure that they move onto the next level.

However, please remember that children develop at different times and children in the same class will be on different book bands. Children should be allowed to 'wallow' in the stories and feel successful and confident and enjoy being able to read. There is a wealth of stories for the children to read in each band and it is important that they are able to have as much exposure to different texts as possible.

Moving children onto the next band before they are ready can be extremely detrimental to some children, as they never feel success as a reader. They just move from one challenge to another without gaining confidence in their own ability. Reading becomes a chore and then they don't want to participate anymore.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Bazaar, 6-8.00pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

The Infant School team