



Infant School Newsletter Monday 5th December 2016

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Christmas Bazaar on Friday evening. The PTA did an amazing job; a big thanks to all those PTA members who put in all the hard work.

This week we will be:

- Learning about Alexander Fleming and his discovery
- Learning about Marie Curie and her life and work
- Writing a report about both scientists in a report format
- Rehearsing our Christmas production
- Adding and Subtracting in maths
- Developing our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Learning about germs in science
- Conducting a 'clean hands' investigation for 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.

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

Thursday 15th December

KS1 Christmas Production

Friday 16th December

Pantomime

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

Kind Regards

The Infant School team