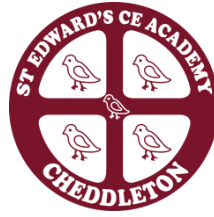


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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

Now that the excitement of Halloween and Bonfire Night has died down, we move onto the inevitable build up towards Christmas. Yes, it's just around the corner!! In school we are already preparing for this special event and a Christmas tree has been ordered. It is 2 years since we last asked children to bring in a homemade or bought tree decoration from home. It would be lovely to add some more personal decorations to our real tree. If you would like your child to participate, please can we have all decorations by Monday 27th November AND with their name on it or attached? Our Christmas tree will look amazing and it will mean even more to the children to see their decorations on it.

Talking of being busy, it has been unusually difficult for the school team this term. Unfortunately Miss Rawle had to start her maternity absence much earlier than expected. Then, Mrs Hordern badly injured her leg; she will probably not be in school until after Christmas. We have sent separate letters out regarding the arrangements for cover. Other staff have been poorly too and this has made it very difficult, at times, to maintain our usual high standards as the remaining staff have had to take on extra work. We kindly ask that you be understanding of our current circumstances which we hope will improve very soon.

Finally, if you think you have missed a letter/email from school, don't forget to check the website which is kept up to date. Have you downloaded the App? [this will enable documents to be sent to your smartphone]. We also have a folder in the entrance with hard copies of all letters sent home. If all that fails please contact the office who will try to help.

With kind regards,*Tracy Ward (Principal) and the School Team***LOCAL ACADEMY COUNCIL (previously known as governors)**

Following a recent poll to vote for 2 new parent members, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Sam Ashley and Mrs Joanne Carter have now been elected. Their details will be added to the school website on the LAC members page in due course. We wish them all the best in their new roles!

ATTENDANCE

Overall pupil attendance for the first half term was 96.73% which is above our target of 95% [and a relief considering the time of year and the number of viruses 'doing the rounds']. The number of pupils arriving late showed an improvement on last term so "thank you" to all the parents/carers

BREAK SALES: a big THANK YOU from Mrs Fryer to those of you who have set up ParentPay accounts Please ensure you 'top up' dinners [where applicable] and break on a regular basis.

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Following the conversion to Academy status the staff, children and LAC members have since reviewed and rewritten the Vision statement for our school. It will be posted on our website [Parent's Page / Policies] for you to read [and comment on should you wish]. If you require a hard copy there will be some in the main entrance for you to collect.

THE SCHOOL RUN

There are ongoing issues with poor parking plus some cases of fast and aggressive driving in Hollow Lane. **This cannot continue!** Please speak directly to anyone who continues to be inconsiderate and unsafe OR, phone the Police on 101. The more phone calls they receive will help to prompt police presence outside school.

THANK YOU to all of our regular volunteer helpers who come into school to give of their time to the children AND to the school. Thanks also to Age Concern for arranging some more mature in age volunteers who now help in school each week.

We also want to thank the very kind parents of a child in the Reception class who recently worked hard to tidy up our School Garden ready for winter. We really appreciated this!

If you wish to volunteer in school then please arrange to meet Mrs Ward or Mrs Clifford who can explain how it works and how you could help. Give it a try...we have wonderful children and very friendly staff!

DIARY DATES

We are sorry that the recent Phonics and Maths Workshops were cancelled (due to staff illness). We hope to run them again in the Spring term. Please look out for the new dates.

Other dates to remember...

- Friday 24th Nov, Non -uniform day to bring in donations for the Christmas Fair [bottles toiletries, fancy goods - NO TOYS OR BOOKS PLEASE]
- Friday 1st Dec, 3.30 - 5.30 - PTFA Christmas Fair (please note earlier time)
- Monday 4th Dec, Reception visit to Cannock Chase
- Wednesday 6th Dec, Nursery visit to the National Forest
- Friday 8th Dec, 10.30am - the Choir will visit the Friendship group at St. Andrew's Church
- Tuesday 12th Dec, 10.00 - Nursery Nativity for Friendship group and pre-school children
- Wednesday 13th Dec, 9.30 + 2.00 - Nursery Nativity for Parents/Carers
- Thursday 14th Dec, Christmas Dinner day! Plus the PTFA Disco: 3.00-3.30 for Nursery + Reception; 3.30 - 4.15 for KS1; 4.30 - 5.15 for KS2 (details to follow)
- Friday 15th Dec, Party Day [dress up accordingly] including a professional performance of Cinderella!
- **Tuesday 19th Dec, 9.30 - Christmas Service at St. Edward's Church; LAST DAY of TERM!** So come along in your own clothes and Christmas jumpers so we can all start to get in the festive spirit.
- **School re-opens on Wednesday 3rd January 2018!!**

