



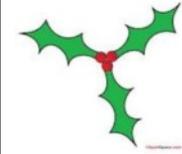
# Outwoods Primary School Newsletter

9th December 2016



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Dear Parents/Carers



As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I have been looking back at all of the achievements made by the children in the last few months. They have certainly had a very busy time and enjoyed some wonderful learning experiences, and what a wonderful week we have had here at school! Many of you have been into school to see at least one of our Christmas productions. Taking part in a school performance is a special moment for children, and one they will usually remember forever, it helps them with confidence and gives them such a great sense of pride. Even the children working backstage making and organising the many 'props' have made a huge contribution and we are extremely proud of all of them. To all the staff and children I would like to say a great big thank you and well done! At this time of year I would like to extend my gratitude to all of our parents for their continuing support of the school and your children and finally, I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



## Christmas Fair

We held our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December and again it was a very busy night! Our PTA the 'Friends of Outwoods' worked extremely hard to put it all together and make it a great success so we owe them an enormous THANKYOU! Over £1100 was raised on the night with more to come in from raffles etc.. This will all be spent on the children of Outwoods, so thank you to everyone who supported us.



## Cinderella Pantomime



We are delighted to have the Blue Box Theatre Company visiting school on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December to perform the Pantomime 'Cinderella' for the children. There will be two performances, one for upper school children starting at 9am, followed by a performance for the lower school and Nursery children. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in plenty of time so that they do not miss the start of the performance. The children will be given refreshments and a chocolate treat after the show.

There will also be class parties and other treats taking place during the week. We are asking for a contribution of £2.50 per child towards the cost of the pantomime and all the Christmas festivities this year. If you could send this in an envelope with your child's name on it, that would be great thank you. Once again we are very grateful to The Friends of Outwoods who have made a huge contribution towards the cost of the theatre performances.

## Atherstone Library

There will be a FREE Christmas Craft Session at Atherstone Library on Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> from 2.30 until 4.00 pm.

Children from 4 - 11 years are welcome. Why not pop along and make some last minute gifts?

Please contact the library to book a place.



### Winter Handwashing Campaign

As part of the Warwickshire 'Feel Well in Winter' campaign, the public health department are wanting to promote very simple messages about the importance of handwashing as one of the most effective ways to control infection and guard against winter bugs. It also protects against the winter vomiting bug 'Norovirus', which can spread rapidly. 'Norovirus' is a commonly occurring virus in the winter months which can cause vomiting and diarrhoea. In school we will be more vigilant with handwashing and good handwashing techniques supported by the school health team. It is important to note that children with symptoms of 'Norovirus' should stay away from school until 48 hours after their symptoms stop. For further advice and some fun educational activities, log onto the e-bug website with your child at [www.e-bug.eu](http://www.e-bug.eu)

### Christingle Service

There will be a Christingle Service at St Peter's Church Mancetter on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 a.m .

It is a lovely service for children and adults

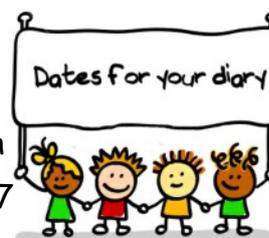
Everyone is welcome to attend.



### Important Dates

- The last day of term is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016
- Children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

- School will close for the next Half Term break on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017



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

We will be having school Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. On that day children can replace their school jumper or cardigan with a Christmas jumper. Please don't go to all the expense of buying a jumper, they can wear tinsel or a Christmas badge with their school jumper or wear bright Christmassy colours. It will be lovely to see the children in festive colours! Children should still wear the 'bottom half' of their school uniform and sensible footwear!



### Coffee and Mince Pies!

Please join us on the last day of term from 2:30pm for coffee and mince pies. There will also be a few little stalls with items some of the children have made and a gift stall. Come in from the cold for a cuppa and a chat before you collect your children from school!



### Website and APP

I am delighted that so many of you have managed to download the app from the App store or Google Play Store. The school website has a wide a range of school news and important information. All the newsletters and letters to parents are online as well as the main school policies and curriculum information. It can be found at

[www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk](http://www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk)