

# November/December 2016 BULLETIN



## Dear Parents,

Christmas is a lovely, if hectic, time in school. So much excitement and activity. Preschool and Reception gave us a truly touching Nativity to start our Advent season. Year 1 and 2 performed the story of 'The Star who couldn't twinkle' and delighted the audience with their confident singing, speaking and actions. Key Stage 2 led a Carol Service at St Chads which was so well attended we had standing room only. Thank you for joining us through these Church school traditions and for all your lovely comments. The festivities have continued as we finish term with Christmas parties and our Christmas dinner for 200. What a fantastic staff, including our cook, that make all these seasonal treats a real pleasure. Thank you from all the staff for the many cards and presents we have received. As Elf for the day I can pass on that Santa really enjoyed the children's letters to him which we passed on when he visited school. Santa's elves stamped your letter to show that you are on Santa's list. They cannot promise that every wish will be delivered as there are a lot of children in the world to get round. Some of you may wish to put the letter out with his mince pie to remind him.

Thank you for sharing children's Study Work books in Years 2-5, the books are wonderful and show a real love of learning invested by children and their talented teaching staff. As Ofsted said in our report, 'They **enjoy their work, demonstrate enthusiasm and a natural thirst for learning.**'

## KS2 2016 SUCCESS

Following on from our Ofsted report, which really captured the many excellent features of our school, we have now had the performance league results and we are **TOP of the Crewe and Nantwich schools**. HUGE CHEER!! I am cautious when showcasing results as they change based on individual children and we don't hot-house our children as we advocate a holistic approach, which is about securing children to learn rather than being results-driven.

## VACANCIES

In order for preschool to make enough money to keep the staff, we need more children. Please can you spread the word that this is a fantastic setting. We also have a few spaces across other year groups as shown below.

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
1	4	4	2	0	5	1

## FUND-RAISING FOR LEWIS' FAMILY

There has been an overwhelming response and your gifts of money have enabled £500 to be already given to the family for help with ongoing costs in coping with Lewis' illness. £840.59 has been gathered in school from staff, parents and community pre 'Just Giving' webpage, £89.56 was gathered at the Carols at the Tower. A further £160.45 has come from our Christmas jumpers day and £45 from reindeer food made by preschool. The nativity photos raised £203.02 and Christmas disco £483.80. The kitchen staff wished to be involved too and made cakes to sell at the Y1/2 Nativity, raising £61.31. Tesco, Crewe have donated a toy hamper for Lewis plus a food hamper for the family. We are counting more donations as they come in and have exceeded our school target of £1000 for the end of term. (our current total stands at £1883.73) This money rests outside our school budget as we are merely collecting in order to pass your gifts on. I'm sure you have heard about our website link to the 'just giving' page which has now raised over £1000. This is such a heart-warming response and reflects the Wybunbury spirit. Please keep on sharing the page with others so we can keep giving.

All the staff join in wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year, see you all in 2017.

Mrs Casserley and Mrs Chesters

**Senior Leadership Team**



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## CHOIR

We would like to thank the children in Choir for their participation in their two recent concerts and for their performance at Carols around the tower.

We would also like to give a special thank you to **Mrs Brittain** who has recently stepped down from running our choir. We thank her very much for all the time she has dedicated to our school choir, and gave her a gift and card from the pupils and staff to show our appreciation.

Mr Henderson, choral tutor from Music for Life, who worked with Mrs Brittain, is now paid to run our choir, please let the office know if your child would like to join.

## MUSIC FOR LIFE

### Instrument Lessons at Wybunbury Delves CE Primary School

#### Booking Deadline for courses to start after the Christmas break - Wednesday 21st December

If your child is interested in trying a course of instrumental lessons, you can find out more and book online at [www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now](http://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now). Payment for courses can be made using almost any debit, credit or pre-paid card and can be spread over several months or paid in full on booking. Financial support with the cost of lessons may be available in cases of hardship. Please contact Music for Life before booking if you would like to discuss.

All new courses enjoy a 12 week "taster" period, so when you book you are only committed to 12 lessons to see how things go. After that time, we send a report on progress and you can then decide to continue with lessons, cancel further lessons or change the course.

Music for Life is a highly regarded not-for-profit music education service working in partnership with 130 schools to teach almost 4,000 pupils every week across Cheshire, Wirral and North Staffordshire. To discover more about the work of Music for Life, please visit:

WEBSITE: [musicforlife.org.uk](http://musicforlife.org.uk)

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VIDEOS: [musicforlife.org.uk/videos](http://musicforlife.org.uk/videos)

Bookings are accepted subject to final confirmation from tutors and schools that they can be accommodated; so far this year Music for Life has successfully arranged lesson places for 99% of people who booked a course.

Involvement in music offers young people something very special. 130 schools, together with thousands of parents, young people, professional musicians and music teachers would tell you they feel Music for Life offers something special, too! Music for Life exists to engage children in high quality music making and to nurture and develop an interest many will have for life.

We are proud to have had the opportunity to work with some amazing young people over the last 21 years and hope that your child may join us soon!

Do check things out at [www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now](http://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now).

Best wishes

Music for Life Team

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## PARKING

Hatherton and Walgherton Parish Council have written a formal letter to me asking for a PLEA to remind parents and visitors to avoid parking on the road outside school wherever possible. Thank you so much for using the Red Lion car park and walking where you can. If you have older children, we do encourage walking so that parking is easier for those parents of children with tired little legs. Please do what you can to help our traffic situation.

## DINNER MONEY

Please ensure your child's dinner money is handed in to the office in a named envelope. If loose change is sent it can easily go astray.

Dinner money for the next term will be £70.40. (£2.20 per day) for those of you who like to pay in advance. All cheques to be made payable to Cheshire East Council. Thanks.



### **Kaiyaba partner school**

Year 5 have sent letters about wider Church links to our partner school in Kenya, Africa. It is a while since we shared news of our Kaiyaban friends and we will let you know of their return post in the New Year. Mrs Pointon is our link and she is sending them photos and updates of how we celebrate our Christian festivals. They also follow Anglican (Church of England) Church Worship and we hope we can share some songs to learn together for our Global link.

### **Childhood Activity Levels Local Survey**

You may have seen quite a few articles in the last few years relating to the level of physical activity that children are participating in and the link that inactivity levels have on the current obesity crisis that the UK is facing.

This is, of course, very interesting but at a national level this doesn't tell us what is happening more locally in Cheshire.

To capture data from the local area, Premier Education Group have invested in a survey to gather and analyse data on the activity levels of primary school pupils across Cheshire and we would like to encourage you to get involved in this by completing a short on-line survey (it should literally take no longer than 5 minutes).

If you have more than 1 child please could you complete a survey for each child in order that as full a picture as possible is gained. Please note that Premier will not disclose your personal information or individual responses to any third parties.

Once the survey is completed, Premier will share the findings with School and also with parents. More importantly, Premier will then be able to talk to other health and physical activity bodies locally about how specifically targeted plans can be put into place to address the issues raised in the survey results.

So, please do spend a few minutes to complete the survey if you can – here's the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LR7RTZ2>

Ian Wilkes,  
Area Director

### **THANK YOU**

A special thank you to Mrs Ackerley, our school cook, who has gone beyond the call of duty in providing us with refreshments for school events, made cakes in her own time to fund raise for school and willingly provides staff with special requests for lunches! We are very appreciative of all our kitchen staff, you are a great team!!

### **48 Hour Policy**

Please be aware there is a 48 hour policy in place for children who are vomiting or have diarrhoea. We advise children take two days off school from the last time they were ill. Thank you.

### **Health and Safety Audit**

#### **Resume of Annual Health and Safety review:**

This annual review includes pupils, staff, visitors and all other site users.

*"School has excellent safe systems of work in place and the team work very well together. The school is clean, vibrant and welcoming."*

A big thank you to Anita Hughes, admin staff and Mr Jackson (health and safety governor) for all their help in achieving a very successful audit.

#### **Food Hygiene**

We would also like to congratulate our kitchen staff, cleaners and OOSC staff for achieving 5 stars in their Food Hygiene Audit.

## GIFT APPEAL

We are appealing for any unwanted Christmas presents that may be received this year from adults and children. Katie (clerical officer) and the Grandparent group hope to organise a fundraising event next year with 100 gift donations! Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can either be handed in to the School Office or Mrs Hinkley (Alfie and Esme's Grandmother). Thank you in advance.

## LOST PROPERTY

We are still embarrassed by the amount of unclaimed **UN-named** articles of school clothing that we have. Please name all clothing, PE kit, coats, bags, shoes and anything your child brings to school.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

**Forest Club** ask that you please drop your old (real!) Christmas trees and any natural untreated wood over the fence at the far end of the top car park so that Forest Club can use them for den making.  
Thank you!



## FUNDRAISING

We are proud to have raised £203.44 for the **Poppy Appeal** this year, helping to contribute towards £54,000 that has been donated by our district! The British Legion have sent a card of appreciation.

Thank you to everyone who donated shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. We have donated a record-breaking 125 boxes for Samaritan's Purse. These will put a smile on many faces.

We would like to thank all the parents who came along to our **Travelling Book Fair** and purchased books! This year, we sold £600 of books which gives us £359.46 worth of commission to be spent on books for school.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR

### HOLIDAY PERIOD

Summer 16  
Autumn Half Term 16  
Christmas 16/17  
Spring Half Term  
Easter 2017  
May Day 17  
Summer Half term 17  
Mon 5 June 17  
Summer 17  
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### DATE OF CLOSING

Fri 21 Oct 16  
Wed 21 Dec 16  
Thurs 16 Feb 17  
Fri 31 Mar 17  
Fri 28 April 17  
Fri 26 May 17  
  
Wed 19 July 17

### DATE OF REOPENING

Tues 6 Sept 16  
Mon 31 Oct 16  
Wed 4 Jan 17  
Mon 27 Feb 17  
Tues 18 April 17  
Tues 2 May 2017

### INSET DAYS

Mon 5 Sept 16, Fri 17 Feb 17, Thurs 20 Jul 17, Fri 21 July 17, Mon 24 Jul 17.

