

Weekly Newsletter

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Beehive Club

The Beehive Club which provides quality affordable childcare provision before and after school is now situated in the Lifelong Learning Centre in front of the main gates on Market Lane. The Breakfast Club operates from 8.00-9.00am and the After School Club from 3.15-6.00pm. If you require further information, please call in to the Club or telephone either 07986673950 or 07979734312.



Special Awards



Year Group Awards were presented today to the following children:

Reception: Bobby Roy Class RC	Year 1: Ellie Sowerby Class 1A
Year 2: Cody Cameron Class 2M	Year 3: Sean Mansfield Class 3A
Year 4: Sam Pashley Class 4D	Year 5: Katelin Dwyer Class 5R
Year 6: Kieron Peacock Class 6S	

Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



Class Awards this week were presented to Class 1L in Key Stage 1 and to Class 3A in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2M in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.60% attendance rate for week ending Friday 18th November and to Class 5SB (99.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was a fantastic 95.90% - another excellent effort everyone!



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Coffee Morning every Friday at 9am in our community room. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat with your friends.

A reminder that the school will be closed to the children on Wednesday 30th November due to the pending industrial action. We will re-open as normal on Thursday 1st December.

Christmas Fayre



We do hope that you will be able to come along to our annual Christmas Fayre next Friday after school from 3.30-5.00pm in the hall. Access will be via the main entrance - adults 50p and children free. Santa's grotto will be situated in the activity street outside the two Reception classrooms. Refreshments will be served in the community room. The gates leading to Park Terrace will remain open. A huge thank you to those parents who have offered to help Mrs Cox set up the Fayre. Any further donations for our tombola would be gratefully received.

Chinese Visitors

Yesterday we played host to another group of Headteachers from China and once again they left with a very favourable impression of our school. They were given a guided tour, observed a range of lessons and talked to the School Council. We in turn found out lots more about China.

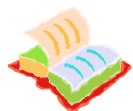


We trust that the children's school photographs arrived home safely yesterday and were to your liking. Class photographs for Reception and Year 6 should be with us shortly.

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Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school all next week from 3.30-4.15pm in the community room. We are able to earn up to 60% commission from Scholastic to buy books for our own school library. Do come and have a browse and help to make the Book Fair a great success as in previous years.

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Christmas Decorations

Christmas trees and decorations will go up in school on Tuesday 29th November.

Our three trees have once again been very kindly donated this year by 'Lodge Landscaping Limited' whose proprietors are parents of former pupils Donna and Rachel Thompson. We are as always extremely grateful for their generosity.



Grand Christmas Raffle Draw



Next week we will be sending home two books of raffle tickets for our annual Grand Christmas Draw which is to be held on Thursday 15th December. All monies raised will go towards purchasing new educational software for the Nintendo DS Lite game consoles we have recently ordered for the children.

Christmas Post

From next Thursday children are welcome to post their Christmas cards in our two post-boxes in the main activity street. The cards will be delivered each day. Please remind the children to ensure that all cards are addressed with the recipient's full name and class on.



Business and Enterprise Project



Our Year 6 children have been working with the Business and Enterprise department at Kingsmeadow School this week to develop a new range of 'smoothies'. On Monday 5th and Friday 9th December our older children will be running a Smoothie Cafe in school. Children in other year groups will have taken home a letter on how to order their drinks in advance.

Sport

Football: Swalwell Juniors Under 10's football (current Year 5) are looking to set up a new 9-a-side team for next season. If you are interested in joining please contact Tim on 07887603850.



Gymnastics: Our gymnastics club takes place after school on Mondays. There are still a few spaces for any interested boys from Year 2 upwards. Any parent who would like their son to attend should see our coach, Julie Brydon, on Monday at the end of school in the hall.



Karate: Our karate club operates on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5-6.30pm in the school hall and is open to any of our children. If you are interested in joining do go along to see the instructor, Brian Taylor-Allen.

Christmas 'Beanies'

It's that time of year again - from next Monday we are selling 'Christmas Beanies' in aid of St Oswald's Hospice. There are two different beanies to choose from priced at £1.50 each: a santa and a snowman.



Jars of Grace



This year we are once again supporting St Nicholas' Church **Jars of Grace** appeal in aid of UNICEF's Emergency Fund, which ensures a rapid and effective response to disasters. To support this appeal, all classes will be making their own collections. Please remember to send in any loose change you may have in an envelope marked 'Jars of Grace'.

Special Treat

On Wednesday our Year 1 and 2 children had a special treat when they went along to the large hall next door in Kingsmeadow School to see the film 'Alvin and the Chipmunks - The Squeakquel'. It was like being at the cinema without the popcorn!



School dinner menu next week is **Week 2**.



A reminder that as part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches.