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Grindleford Primary School Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2



Special Events and Dates:

INSET

- Monday 4th January 2016
- Monday 11th April 2016
- Friday 24th June 2016

Term Dates—2015/2016

Christmas Break—

Mon 21.12.15 to Fri 01.01.16

(Mon 04.01.16—INSET)

Spring 3—

Tues 05.01.16 to Fri 12.02.16

Half Term—

Mon 15.02.16 to Fri 19.02.16

Spring 4—

Mon 22.02.16 to Thurs 24.03.16

Easter—

Fri 25.03.16 to Fri 08.04.16

Summer 5—

(Mon 11.04.16—INSET)

Tues 12.04.16 to Fri 27.05.16

(Mon 02.05.16—Bank Holiday)

Half Term—

Mon 30.05.16 to Fri 03.06.16

Summer 6—

Mon 06.06.16 to Tues 26.07.16

(Fri 24.06.16—INSET)

Dates: -

Thursday 17th December—

- School Christmas Dinner and Party Day

Friday 18th December—

- Carol Service at St Helens—2.00PM

Monday 4th January 2016—

- INSET day

Wednesday 13 January—

- Class 3 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters

Welcome to the final newsletter of this year! May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and restful Christmas break and a good start to the new year.

Exciting Christmas Events

We began last week with Class 1's Nativity performances. They all did amazingly well and should be incredibly proud of themselves. A massive thank you to the Class 1 staff for their hard work and dedication. Another massive thank you to the PTA for buying us a Popcorn machine, which meant that we could treat our audience!

Last Thursday was our annual Christmas trip to the **Pantomime**—Oh no it wasn't, oh yes it was! - very generously paid for in full by the PTA—thank you so much everyone.

Thursday is our **Christmas Dinner and Party Day**—woo hoo! The children can wear their party clothes to school in the morning or get changed before lunch if they want to. If they would prefer to stay in their uniform, then that is fine as well.

Friday is the last day of term and we shall be finishing with a **Carol Concert** in St Helen's Church at 2pm. If you are able to come and take part, you would be very welcome. The children may come straight home after the concert if you are there or come back to school for a normal finishing time if that is more convenient.

Thank you!

A special thank you should also go to The Maynard for inviting us for our

annual Christmas Pudding making visit. Not only do The Maynard and Holdsworth donate all their skills and ingredients, the Maynard also serve up a delicious meal for the whole school free of charge.

A big thank you must go to all the PTA volunteers who organised another very successful Secret Santa week in school. Thank you to everyone who brought in such fantastic gifts, the choice was amazing! I know the children really enjoy buying their gifts to give to you—I hope that you will enjoy opening them on Christmas Day.

Another big thank you must go to The Sir William for organising a whole school Christmas decoration competition. The children worked really hard on their designs and the winners were announced last Monday in assembly, with Terry and Helen handing out prizes. Just pop along to the tree at the front of the pub to have a look for yourselves.

URGENT

Do you need to apply for a school Reception place for September 2016? (Child born between 01.09.11 and 31.08.12) Or do you know of anyone within the village who will need to apply? The deadline for applications is **midnight on the 15th January 2016**. Applications can be made online at www.derbysire.gov.uk/admissions or by ringing [01629 533190](tel:01629533190).

All parents will need to submit an application, regardless of which school they wish to attend or whether they wish to defer their place, so it is very important that this deadline is met by everybody. Please spread the word!



Autumn Term 2 – Continued



Term Dates: - Continued!

Dates: -

Thursday 21st January—

- Guest Speaker—Alistair Humphreys

Thursday 4th February

- Y3/4 Dance Festival at HVC—TBC

Week of 29th February—

- Parent's Evenings

Thursday 3rd March—

- World Book Day—TBC

Saturday 12th March—

- Grindleford Gallop

Thursday 17th March—

- Hi5 Netball competition at HVC—TBC

Thursday 24th March

- Easter Egg Competition
- Great Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 11th April—

- INSET day

Week of 9th May—

- SATs and Testing week

Friday 20th May—

- Quadkids at HVC—pm—TBC

Tuesday 24th May—

- Whole School, Class Group and Y6 Photographs

Wed 25th May—Fri 27th May—

- Whitehall Residential Trip for Class 3

Friday 17th June—

- KS1 Sports Day at HVC—pm—TBC

Tues 21st June—Wed 22nd June—

- Castleton Residential Trip for Class 2

Friday 24th June—

- INSET day

Monday 18th July—

- KS2 Summer Production

Tuesday 19th July—

- KS2 Sports Day at EIS, Sheffield

Tuesday 19th July—

- KS2 Summer Production

New for 2015!

Parental Assemblies

As you may already know, the children have been devising and delivering assemblies for the past year. These assemblies are incredible and are often centred around a PowerPoint, with pictures and videos inserted in. I am extremely proud of all the children who put in so much effort and thought outside of school to entertain and educate the rest of the school. We have had various themes from Authors, to the effect of music upon the viewer within films, to various animals and extreme sports. Not to mention Lego, famous people from history, pocket watches....the list goes on!

This year I decided that it would be very interesting to extend our learning out into the community and hopefully hear from any parents or friends to the school about what their hobbies, jobs or interests were. I am incredibly pleased to announce that we have already had two brave parents come and do an assembly for us.

The first was Dave Miller, who talked to the children about his Bob Graham adventure. This was particularly pertinent in terms of working together, having a team behind you to spur you on and never giving up. It was incredibly interesting and I know that I learnt a lot!

Next we were visited by Tim Weston who joined in with the assembly written and devised by Sidney, Oscar, Olivia and Jacob on Italian cars. Not only were we treated to a lot of pictures of stunning cars, but we also learnt some history and watched some amazing videos as well. Tim has also said he may bring some of his collection of cars in to the playground for another assembly in the better weather, enabling the children to see how cars fit together etc.

In the New Year, I am hoping that Jane Ireson will be visiting with one of her male nurses, Matt Heason has signed up but apparently it is a massive secret what his assembly is on (I'm quite scared!!!) and Jane Campbell is also going to be coming in as well. I am really looking forward to all our assemblies in 2016! If you would like to come in and share your expertise or interests, then just get in touch.

New for 2016!

Wheelie Wednesdays!

As you may already know the School Council were approached about the idea of scooters in school. They thought the idea of spending the whole of the lunch time on their scooters, skateboards, scooter boards etc was a really good one and therefore Wheelie Wednesdays was born. At the moment we are sticking to scooters with helmets, until we manage not to hurt ourselves. Hopefully after Christmas we can introduce skateboards and roller skates as well.

Iron on Badges

A big thank you must go to Tara Hilton for putting us in touch with a company who create iron-on badges. We have had our school logo made up and will be selling these at £1 each after Christmas. This means that if your child likes a particular style of cardigan or you would prefer a different brand of clothing, you can still have a logo. Obviously, the clothing will have to still be our school colours and fit within our uniform rules. If in doubt, please ask before ironing on your logo!

**Dates: - Continued!**

Friday 22nd July—

Whole School Trip Out

Monday 25th July—

- Leaver's Meal

Tuesday 26th July—

- Leaver's Assembly, 9.05am

- Sports Afternoon—TBC

05.09.16/06.09.16

- INSET days—TBC

After-School Clubs for Autumn 1 2015**Monday:**

- **Monday Club** - 3.20—4.15pm - For Class 1— See Mrs Callis to put your name down. Club starts **Monday 11th January.**
- **Running Club** - 3.20—4.15pm - All welcome, but must be prepared to run!— See Mrs Callis to put your name down. Club starts **Monday 11th January.**

Wednesday:

- **Chess Club** - 3.20-4.15pm - All welcome— maximum of 20 - Must be able to play chess already—Please see Mrs Callis to put your name down. Club starts **Wednesday 13th January.**
- **Sewing Club** - 3.20-4.15pm - Class 2 and Class 3, maximum of 10 - Please see Mrs Callis to put your name down. Club starts **Wednesday 13th January.**

Thursday:

- **Reading Club** - 3.20-4.15pm - All welcome - Please see Mrs Callis to put your name down. Club starts **Thursday 14th January.**
- **Art/Craft Club** - 3.20-4.15pm - All welcome, maximum of 10 - Please see Mrs Callis to put your name down. Club starts **Thursday 14th January.**

All clubs are due to run until February half term. They will be reviewed again then.

**Have a very Merry Christmas and
all the best for 2016.**