



# NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014

*THIS IS A VERY FULL NEWSLETTER!! LOTS FOR YOU TO READ! IT CONTAINS SOME REMINDERS AND OTHER INFORMATION AS WELL AS INFORMATION ABOUT CHRISTMAS EVENTS. HAPPY READING!*

## RAFFLE PRIZES

We are a bit short on raffle prizes for the Christmas Fayre!!!!!! We were hoping that some of you might ask if the lovely bosses in your work places would be happy to donate a prize in return for a mention in the Fayre programme. This might be a piece of publicity they may welcome! If you could help us in this way to make our raffle really tempting, we would be extremely grateful. If you would like one of our letters to present to your company explaining what we are asking for, please see Nina Fowle on the gate. Thank you.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH



**WILL BE ON THURSDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**ON THIS DAY THERE ARE ONLY 2 MEAL OPTIONS – TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS OR A VEGETARIAN OPTION. PLEASE BOOK ON LINE BY WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE A MEAL ON THIS DAY.**

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL ONLY BE TWO MEAL OPTIONS ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TOO – MAIN OR VEGETARIAN.)**

## NO CHRISTMAS PARTY FOOD ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM



On the last day of term we usually have party food at lunchtime instead of packed lunches or hot meals. We thought that this year we would continue with our ordinary lunchtime arrangements. Therefore we will not be asking you to contribute towards a party lunch on the last day. Instead we will ensure that the children have an extra special snacktime treat either in the morning or afternoon of the last day.

## THE LAST DAY OF TERM IS ACTIVITY DAY!

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December the children will be busy taking part in lots of different craft activities all over the school.

They will have opportunities to cut, stick, use runny glue, use loads of glitter, play with sand, water and playdough and generally have fun.

As it is the last day we thought that the children may wish to wear non-uniform clothes for the day. **However these clothes need to be old clothes that you are not worried about becoming very dirty and messy.** No fancy dress outfits or party clothes please – just practical, comfy, old clothes. Many thanks.



GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS  
ATMOSPHERE AND JOIN US AT THE  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE AFTER SCHOOL  
ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>!!!!



CAKES AND TREATS TO BUY  
POCKET MONEY STALL  
LOTS OF GAMES TO PLAY  
GIFT STALLS  
TOMBOLAS  
RAFFLE  
FATHER CHRISTMAS AND HIS HELPERS

### THE CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POST BOX WILL  
BE OPEN FOR INTERNAL POSTING FROM  
MONDAY NEXT WEEK UNTIL WEDNESDAY  
17TH DECEMBER. THE  
POSTIES DOWN  
TOOLS AT THE END  
OF THAT DAY AND  
THE BOX GOES AWAY  
FOR ANOTHER YEAR!  
THANK YOU.



### VERY IMPORTANT!!

#### OUR Y2 POSTIES SAY

Please, please, please double check  
that, before posting, all Christmas cards  
have clearly written on the envelope;

1. **The person's name** (and any surname  
initial where there is more than one child in that  
class with the same first name).
2. **The class they belong to.**

This will make their job much easier!  
Thank you.

*Please come and join us at our  
Christmas Celebration*

1.45 p.m. on Wednesday  
17<sup>th</sup> December at  
The United Reformed Church.  
All the family are welcome.



## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CELEBRATION AT THE CHURCH

- Seating is mainly upstairs in the gallery – good views here – but also in the lower part of the church.
- Adults with buggies etc are welcome to sit in the back section of the pews downstairs. Our children will be sitting in some of the front pews.
- For health & safety and performance reasons we must insist that aisles are not blocked by buggies, wheelchairs etc. Please park buggies behind the curtains at the back of the church. There will be space for wheelchairs at the front of the church downstairs. Please see Mrs Munns on arrival for directions.
- Videoing and photography of the performance is permitted but only for personal and family use. Recordings and photographs **must not** be distributed or posted on social media websites if they contain images of children (other than your own) or members of staff.
- You are welcome to take your children home directly after the celebration has finished. Any children who do not have parents or a responsible adult at the celebration will be taken back to school for usual end of the day collection.
- If your child is having a packed lunch on this day please send it in disposable containers and cartons that can be thrown away. Thank you.
- Book bags should not come in on Wednesday either please. This makes handing children over at the end of the day considerably easier for everyone. Thank you.

## WALKERS

If anyone is able to walk down to the church with us on that Wednesday we would be very grateful. Please let the classroom staff know. Thank you.

### PUPIL PREMIUM

If you think that your child might be eligible for the benefits of the Pupil Premium grant please see Allison Munns in the school office for further information. Your child might be entitled to a range of free resources and opportunities. If you are in receipt of certain benefits or pensions your child may qualify for free books to take home and keep, free school uniform, free Breakfast Club and many more benefits. We are sending home a letter with more details shortly. Please look out for it or speak to Allison Munns.

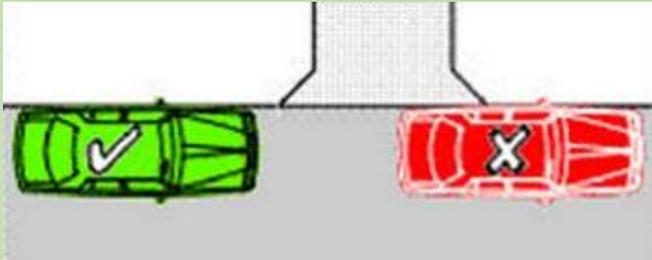
### IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START INFANT SCHOOL OR TRANSFER TO JUNIOR SCHOOL NEXT SEPTEMBER?

If you have not already done so you will need to return the application form you already have or get an application form from school asap.

**The closing date for applying for a Reception or Year 3 place is on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2015**

If you know of any other child who might wish to come to The Avenue in September we would be very grateful if you could speak to the parent and give them this information too. Thank you

### USING THE ROADS AROUND THE SCHOOL



Please, please be considerate and courteous road users and parkers and remember not to park across the driveways of our Avenue neighbours!!

Please don't be tempted to drop off your child on the yellow zig-zag lines either.

Thank you!

### LOST FLEECE

Please look out for a lost red school fleece belonging to [Omiyah Cabey](#) in Reception.

Thank you.

## Volunteers Wanted!

Are you a parent or grandparent living in the Wellingborough area?  
Are you able to commit 2-3 hours a week for at least 12 months?



## Home-Start Wellingborough & District

needs more volunteers to visit families with young children.

### We can offer you:

Free training - we have training courses starting in January 2015 - day-time and evening  
The opportunity to achieve something worthwhile  
New friendships and out of pocket expenses

Contact the scheme for more details on 01933 272749 or email [home-start.wboro@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:home-start.wboro@tiscali.co.uk)

Additional information can be found on our website: [www.homestartwellingborough.org.uk](http://www.homestartwellingborough.org.uk)

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### FINALLY

*We hope that you will join us for our Christmas events in the last week of term and look forward to seeing you there.*

*Have a lovely weekend - may your Christmas shopping be stress free and all your other preparations enjoyable!*

*Best wishes to you all from all the Avenue staff*

### DATES FOR DIARIES

#### AUTUMN 2 (TERM 2) 2014



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

~ FOTAS Christmas Fayre  
~ Christmas Celebration at the United Reformed Church  
~ Christmas Activity Day  
~ School closes for 2 weeks  
~ School closed for staff training  
~ School opens to pupils



