



News from the Nest

18th November 2011

Christmas is coming!



Dear Parents,

This newsletter includes all the important Christmas dates and news about our plans for the run up to Christmas.

We are holding a Christmas Fair on Friday 9th December, from 5pm - 7pm. We have chosen this date and time so that we hope everyone is able to come.

Most working parents will be finished for the day and by choosing an evening it also doesn't eat into your valuable shopping and Christmas preparation time on the Saturday! We are collecting books, toiletries and toys for stalls - all donations gratefully received - please bring them to the school office. There will be lots of stalls and games and of course we have spoken nicely to Santa and he will be visiting us that evening too! Please come along and support the school.

I am also pleased to be able to share the news that we have been in the newspaper twice recently - showing off our achievements! Wren's Nest was the primary school in Dudley chosen to launch the "Food Dudes" project. Food Dudes is a healthy eating project which encourages children to eat fruit and vegetables. The children have had a lot of fun earning the rewards and enjoying the resources - and there has been a real impact in the number of children we are seeing who are now eating their fruit and vegetables in school. I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the parents that are supporting the project by sending fruit and vegetables into school in the red and green tubs either for lunchtime or snack time.



We have also been in the newspaper as we have just been awarded the International School Award. This award recognises all the hard work that has taken place over the last year with children learning about different countries and cultures and of course our work learning German in Key Stage 2. I am very grateful to Mrs Share who has led this project as our International School Co-ordinator - it is a great achievement for our school.



**International
School Award**
2011-2014

Please see overleaf for times of all the plans for Christmas, we have Christmas Craft parent and child sessions for all children in Years 1 to 4 and a carol service for children in Y5&6. Reception and Nursery will be dressing up and telling the Christmas story through a simple play. All the children will be enjoying parties and of course Christmas lunch!

Best wishes,



Dates:

Foundation Stage Christmas

- **Reception children** will be sharing a short play and songs with parents on Wednesday 14th December at 2:30pm.
- Nursery will be sharing some of the excitement of Christmas with parents on Thursday 8th December at 10am for **Morning Nursery** parents and then again at 2:30pm for the **Afternoon Nursery** children and parents.

Years 1, 2, 3 & 4

Parents are invited to come and share the family spirit of Christmas and join in with the children making Christmas crafts from 9am until 10am. This will be followed by coffee and cakes/mince pies and the children will entertain you with a Christmas celebration assembly.

- **Year 1** - Morning of Monday 12th December, 9am - 10:30am.
- **Year 2** - Morning of Friday 9th December, 9am - 10:30am.
- **Year 3** - Morning of Wednesday 14th December, 9am - 10:30am.
- **Year 4** - Morning of Thursday 15th December, 9am - 10:30am.



Years 5 and 6

Y5&Y6 - Christmas Carol Service at St Francis Church, 1:30pm Thursday 15th December followed by coffee and mince pies.



Christmas Lunch will be held on the last day of term. All children (including those having a packed lunch) will enjoy some fun and crackers. Lunch will cost £1.80 for all children not entitled to free school meals.



Party Days!

Each year group enjoys a Christmas Party. Children can bring their party clothes to school and then they change after lunch (this stops the girls in particular freezing at break and lunch in party dresses and little shoes!)

Nursery & Reception: Tuesday 13th Dec
Years 1&2 Wednesday 14th December
Years 3&4 Tuesday 13th December
Years 5&6 Monday 12th December



Key Stage 1 visit to the Pantomime

Key Stage 1 are especially lucky this year as they are also going to enjoy a visit to the pantomime on the last day of term. They will be going to the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton to watch Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

The children will leave after Christmas lunch and watch the matinee performance returning to school for 5:30pm.

