

## Doxey Primary School Newsletter - Monday 21st November 2016

### Our stars for last week...

Bright Sparks	<b>Isabel</b> for always showing <b>self-belief</b> whilst learning and completing fabulous work.
Year 1	<b>Katelyn</b> for being fabulous in phonics last week. You have shown <b>perseverance and self-belief</b> in learning set 2 sounds.
Year 2	<b>Alice</b> for showing <b>respect</b> towards teachers and being a kind friend – well done!
Year 3	<b>Logan</b> for <b>persevering</b> in English and having the <b>self-belief</b> to write and A-Z holiday guide using your targets.
Year 4	<b>Lilli-Mae</b> for making a great return to Doxey School and showing <b>pride</b> in everything you do.
Year 5	<b>Levi</b> for always showing <b>respect</b> to Mrs Layton, Mrs Nickolls and other members of staff. You are a very polite young man.
Year 6	<b>Aaron</b> for showing more self-belief in his work. You have made Mrs Newell proud.

Mrs Baker has been appointed to the position of head teacher at a larger school. This will take effect from September 2017 and Mrs Baker will remain at Doxey Primary until the end of the academic year.

### Bright Sparks - Talk Homework

Last week we read, watched, learnt and acted out "The Gruffalo" story with the help of the fabulous resources that parents brought in.

We also made and sampled Purple Prickle Pancakes, Toadstool Toast with Jam and Snakes Log Pile House which was constructed using celery and cream cheese.

Continue learning at home by watching the story on You Tube, retelling the story and discussing the exciting things that happen. The children will be able to describe the Gruffalo really well!

More ideas can be found on [www.gruffalo.com](http://www.gruffalo.com)

Thank you  
Mrs Cliffe

### Beauty and the Beast Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

As a Christmas treat we have arranged for M & M Productions to visit and perform "Beauty and the Beast". To help cover the cost we are asking parents for a donation of £4.00. Parent Pay information will be sent home today with the children.

M & M Productions visited us last year and performed "The Hobbit", "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

### APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2017

APPLICATION DEADLINE SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

All our nursery children and any child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 are due to start full-time education in September next year. To ensure your child's place in our reception class all applications must be received at the admissions office by

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

You can apply for your place online the website is

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### YEAR 3 and Year 4 PARENT WORKSHOP Wednesday 23rd November 8.45am

Year 3 and 4 would like to invite their parents to a workshop where they are keen for you to see a slide-show of recent class activities.

Mrs Lawson and Mrs Mallot will then lead a session on helping your child with spellings.

We look forward to seeing you!

### R. E Week - THIS WEEK

It's R.E. week in school this week and the classes will be focusing on different areas.

Year 1 and Year 2, will be learning about caring for the natural world.

Year 3 and 4, will be researching how environmental issues effect believers.

Year 5 and 6, will be looking for answers to the question of "What commitment means?" Reverend Strang will be visiting the children to explain what commitment means to him.



Thank you for all the donations.  
We raised £92.50

### NURSERY PARENT WORKSHOP Developing Fine Motor Skills

Tuesday 29th November 8.45am – 9.45am

We would like to invite parents or grandparents to come in and take part in fun activities aimed to help develop your child's fine motor skills.

Activities will include threading, cutting, weaving, mark making and pegging which are all easily replicated at home.

### INTERNET SAFETY TALK

Last week PCSO Ludlow-Smith who came in to speak to the children in Year 5 and 6 about 'Internet Safety' and how to stay safe.

### TALBOT TEAM FUNDRAISING – UPDATE

Thank you to all the Talbot team parents for donating the cakes, and thank you to the rest of the school for bringing in money to buy them  
A total of £37.00 was raised for the House of Bread.

### FESTIVE MENU

**Thursday 15th December**

The kitchen will be providing a Christmas lunch.

**EVERY CHILD WILL NEED TO PRE BOOK**

**SEE FORM ON PAGE 3**

#### Menu

Choose a main meal

*Roast Breast of Hollington Turkey with Gravy, Sausages in Blanket, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce*

*Or*

*Vegetarian Wellington & Cranberry Sauce,*

On the Side

*Crispy Roast Potatoes, Buttered Mash, Roast Parsnips, Baton Carrots and Minted Peas*

For Dessert

*Snowman Ice Cream or  
Festive Pudding and Custard or  
Christmas Biscuit*

Meals are £2.15 per child unless your child receives free school meals or your child is in Reception Class, Year 1 or Year 2 and entitled to universal free school meals.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SANDWICHES PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL KITCHEN ON THIS DAY DUE TO HIGH DEMAND.**

**If your child receives free school meals you will still need to book.**

**We will not accept any place bookings after Friday 2nd December 2016.**

### BOSTOCK FUNDRAISING

**Tuesday 6th December 2016**

Team Bostock are raising money for their chosen charity "Katherine House Hospice". To kick start the fundraising they have organised a "Soak the Teacher" event, two sponges for a £1.00. The event will take place in the KS2 playground on Tuesday 6th December at 3.15pm until 3.30pm.

We hope that there will be many children wanting to take part and we will inform you of the amount raised.

### WEDGWOOD FUNDRAISING

**FRIDAY 9th December**

Team Wedgwood are holding a cake sales on Friday 9th December, they raising money for their chosen charity 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. Cakes will be on sale at lunch time and home time for 20p.

House Captain Phoebe and Vice-Captain Tommy, would be grateful if Talbot team members could help by donating cakes.

### CHRISTMAS EXPLORERS

**Tuesday 29th November – Year 3 & 5**

**Friday 2nd December – Year 4 & 6**

Christmas Explorers is an educational event and it is suitable for children from all faiths and belief backgrounds.

The event will give children the chance to look at the Christmas Story in creative ways; through drama sketches, small group work, craft, game, reflection time, quizzes and film clips.

Christmas Explorers will help children understand why Christmas is an important festival for Christians all over the world, and also explain some of the associated traditions, such as fairy lights, Christmas trees tinsel and presents.

### Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church

**Wednesday 30th November – Sunday 4th December**

Again we will be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church. All the children will be making decorations with Mrs Hall and these will be used on the tree. The tree will be on display the public from Wednesday 30th November and the festival will end with a carol service on Sunday 4th December at 2.30pm

Part of the proceeds collected during the festival will go to the Mayor's chosen charities, which is Stafford and Stone Guide Dogs for the Blind and Community Hubs in Stafford.

### Christmas Carol Service at Doxey Church

**Thursday 15th December 2.15pm**

The children will be walking to Doxey church for the Christmas service and carols around the Christmas tree. Parents, Grandparents or carers are able to attend the service, and *it would be lovely if we had some volunteer parents to help escort the children to and from the church. After the service refreshments will be served. If you are able to help and walk with the children, please inform your child's class teacher.*

### MESSY CHURCH – DECEMBER

There is a change to Messy Church arrangements for December. The Messy Church and OTB team would like to invite children and their families to Messy Christingle on Sunday 11th December at Doxey Church from 4.30pm – 6pm.

This is a free event where children will have the opportunity to find out about Christingle as well as making other Christmas Crafts. This will be followed by a light meal which you will be more than welcome to stay for.

For more information please contact Claire: 07889277766

### Christmas lunch – Thursday 15th December

The school will be holding a festive lunch serving traditional Christmas fayre on the above date. Menus are on display on the entrance doors and at the school office. If your child would like a Christmas lunch please return the reply slip below. All payments for lunch will need to be paid by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December using our secure payment service, Parent Pay, or if paying by cash take a unique bar coded letter to the nearest Pay Point store (Bradbury Rise stores)

**IF YOUR CHILD RECEIVES FREE SCHOOL MEALS YOU STILL NEED TO BOOK**  
**WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY PLACE BOOKINGS AFTER FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER**



Child's Name..... Class.....

I would like my child to have a Christmas lunch:

Please tick the applicable below

- I agree to pay £2.15 using parent pay – I have parent pay details
- I agree to pay £2.15 using parent pay – Please send parent pay details
- My child is entitled to free school meals

Signed.....

<b>Dates for your diary...</b>		
Tuesday	22nd November 2016	Y1,Y2,Y3 Flu Immunisation
Wednesday	23rd November 2016	Y3 & 4 Parent Workshop
Tuesday	29th November 2016	Nursery Parent Workshop 8.45am – 9.45am
Tuesday	29th November 2016	Y3 and Y5 Christmas Explorers at Doxey Church
Friday	2nd December 2016	Y4 and Y6 Christmas Explorers at Doxey Church
Tuesday	6th December 2016	Bostock Fundraising Day – Soak the Teacher
Wednesday	7th December 2016	Beauty and the Beast Production to School
Friday	9th December 2016	Wedgwood Fundraising – Cake Sale
Monday	12th December 2016	EYFS Nativity TBC
Tuesday	13th December 2016	EYFS Nativity TBC
Tuesday	13th December 2016	Christmas Production TBC
Wednesday	14th December 2016	Christmas Production TBC
Thursday	15th December 2016	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Thursday	15th December 2016	Christmas Lunch
Thursday	15th December 2016	Christmas Service at Doxey Church 2.15pm
Friday	16th December 2016	School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday	3rd January 2017	School Re-Opens for the Spring Term