

# SCHOOL NEWS

## The Last School News of this Autumn Term

### Christmas Fair and Makers' Market



Thank you to all those who came to this fantastic event last week, as well as those who were able to support us in other ways. It was a packed evening and a wonderful atmosphere. I'm please to inform you that we raised over £1800. In the new year we will be announcing the fundraising project that the the PTA will be working towards. Many thanks to our new PTA who worked so efficiently, putting in many hours of their own time to make the event such a success. We are also extremely grateful for all the donations and the offers of help.

### Changes in Staffing

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Lagonegro who will be leaving us to teach in another school in Stockport. We wish her every success in her new role. This week, after a rigorous selection procedure involving an observed lesson and full interview, we appointed Miss McDowell to take on the teaching role in 3L. I am delighted to be able to welcome her to the team. She will be working very closely with Miss Arnold to ensure the quality and consistency of teaching and learning in Y3 continues.

Miss Maxwell will be reducing her contracted hours from 5 days to 4 from January 2016. Mrs Plumb will be joining the school to teach the class on Mondays. She is a very experienced Year 2 teacher and taught for a number of years at Great Moor Infant School.



### Christmas Performances

Our first performances from Reception and Nursery have been a huge success this week. The children did a magnificent job and I know made their parents very proud. It was lovely to see so many join us for coffee and mince pies either before or after the show. If your child is performing next week, please refer to last week's newsletter for times the refreshments are being served. The PTA are also running a raffle during all the performances so don't forget to bring some change if you want to be in for a chance of winning a food hamper, pamper hamper or children's hamper. We are asking for donations towards the refreshments and the ticket for the show. Many thanks.

I would also like to remind parents that NO photos of the performances should be posted on any social media sites. We have children in our school whom we need to protect and have extremely strict safeguarding procedures in place. Last year, this request was ignored and I have heard that pictures of groups of children were posted. If this re-occurs, we will have to ban photography from the performances which would be a huge shame. Please respect this request.

## A few reminders

### \* Breakfast and After School Club

If you are intending to use the Breakfast or After School Club from January 2016, you must fill in a registration form for the Marple Childcare Company. They will be taking over the provision and managing all the bookings. It will NOT be possible to make bookings through school from January. The registration form is available to download from our website.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the club staff, as well as Mrs Newport in the office, for their continuous hard work and commitment to the club. As we hand over to an outside provider, I would like to ensure it is recognised how much their efforts have been appreciated.

### \* INSET

Monday January 4th 2016 is an INSET day for teachers. We will be carrying out detailed evaluation of our curriculum and putting action plans in place for each subject to ensure improvements are continuously being made.

### \* Last Day of Term

School closes on Friday 18th December at **3.15pm**.

### \* School Dinners

From January 2016 the new price for school dinners will be £2.10. This cost is applicable to Key Stage 2 children only.

### \* Website agreements

We have had the website agreement form returned from around half of the children. The secure area of the website which is available for both children and parents cannot be accessed without your agreement and a password. Passwords will be issued in the new year.

In the meantime, don't forget to contribute to the open blogs which can be found at the top of our home page.

## Attendance

Congratulations to class 3L who have had the highest attendance this half term. They achieved a fantastic figure of 98.4%. Our attendance figures still give us cause for concern, however, and we continue to monitor individual cases very closely.

3L will be able to come to school in non-uniform on Wednesday as their well-deserved reward.

## Bronze Awards



Next Friday we will be giving out the first of our bronze awards to the children who have earned at least 30 merits this term. Children will be awarded with a badge to wear on the jumpers. We ask that these badges are looked after carefully and if they are lost a replacement cost of £1 will be charged. From January, the badges will be awarded every Monday in Star of the Week Assembly and names will be included in the special mentions. We look forward to seeing who will be first to achieve silver (65 merits).

May I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas/winter break and thank you for the tremendous support this term. I look forward to seeing everybody safe and sound in 2016.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the  
Etchells staff

