

# STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER



November 2017

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again we have had an extremely busy and productive time here at Star. Since coming back from half term break, the children have been very busy learning. Clubs have started and this has caused lots of excitement. We are very pleased to be offering 44 clubs this year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who give up their valuable time after school to ensure that we can run this wonderful provision. I would also like to thank parents for their patience while we ironed out a few issues with clubs and Parent Mail. It was the first time we attempted to do this electronically and we wanted to ensure that every child had at least one club that they could access. We are working with Parent Mail to try and resolve some of the issues we experienced to make it even better next year. I am really proud of the extensive clubs we offer and our pupils are extremely lucky to have such wonderful adults working at Star.

I am delighted to announce that the final figure from our Big Walk fundraising event currently stands at **£2833.91**. Thank you to all those parents who have returned their child's fundraising form and for the great effort made to raise these much needed funds to develop our front playground. We are hoping to appoint a contractor at the next Governors Finance Meeting and if all goes well, work can begin on the front playground early in the New Year.

Our first Languages Day of the year was a huge success. The Spanish themed lessons and activities was greatly enjoyed by pupils and staff. A massive thank you to our cook Michelle and her team for the delicious Spanish style lunch on the day. One child whom I had lunch with told me that this was her best day at school ever!!! I would also like to thank the Spanish parents who gave up their time on the day to help us learn about some cultures and foods from Columbia. Our next languages day on the 14th December will be focusing on Russia. If there are any Russian parents who are able to help out with the planning and preparation for this day, please contact Ms Washa in the office.

I am very much looking forward to the Christmas Productions. Please make every effort to attend these as it would mean so much to your child to see you there. Our Year 4 children will be doing a special Shooting Star charity box again this year. The Performance dates are included in this newsletter.

Warm Regards,  
Ms Von  
Head teacher

## Pupil Leaders

Our School Prefects were selected on a basis of continued good merit having consistently proved themselves to be outstanding role models to all pupils in the school. I am very pleased to introduce our new head boy, Asa, head girl Emma and their deputies Kye and Panashe.



Well done and congratulations on your appointment.

## Important dates

**Monday 4th December**  
Star Winter Fair and Christmas Lights switch on

**Friday 8th December**  
Year 3 Carol Concert

**Monday 11th December**  
Year 2 Christmas Production

**Tuesday 12th December**  
Year 1 Christmas Production

**Wednesday 13th December**  
Reception Christmas Production

**Thursday 14th December**  
Christmas Dinners/ Languages Day—Russia



**Friday 15th December**  
Nursery Christmas Event  
Santa's Grotto  
Year 5/6— Singing in the Community

**Monday 18th December**  
Year 5/6— Singing in the Community

**Tuesday 19th December**  
School closing early at 1:00pm

**Wednesday 20th December -  
Tuesday 2nd January 2018**  
School closed for the Christmas Break

**Wednesday 3th January 2018**  
Start of the Spring Term



Now that clubs have officially started training is being taken very seriously.

The football teams are already looking very promising and with a high interest in the Hockey and Cricket clubs we're sure to do well in all upcoming tournaments and events.

With other clubs focusing on improving overall health and fitness such as Wake Up, Shake Up and the Multi-Sports club we're really making an effort to get fit this Winter.



### Year 5 guests

On Monday 6th November year 5 were joined by some very interesting guests. For 2 weeks they will be observing the hatching of eggs as part of a science project where they will learn all about life changes and development, writing up reports on their findings.



### Breakfast and Six O' Clock Club

I need to inform parents that as of the 1st December 2017, both these facilities will need to be **paid for in advance**. Any parent who has an outstanding arrears will **not be able to book** their children into these clubs after this date. These clubs offer valuable and affordable child care for working parents and are becoming increasingly over-subscribed. We are working with Parent Mail to improve the online booking systems and I would ask that parents who have not yet signed up to parent mail please do so as a matter of urgency. The office staff can assist you with this. If any parent has an outstanding payment, please make arrangements at the office to pay this as soon as possible.

# STAR WINTER MARKET

Monday 4th December 2017

4:30pm — 6:30pm

Any parents or Carers who are interested in helping at our Winter Market or who have ideas to contribute, please contact Ms Washa through the school office. We are hoping to have a Christmas Market, Carol Singing, Face Painting, Hotdogs and Hot Drinks! At this event we will also be switching on our Christmas Lights. All money raised will go towards our playground development. It would be lovely to hear your ideas and thoughts about how we could make this a success.



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