

The Flourish Federation

NEWSLETTER— December 2017

Keeping in touch, diary dates & reminders

Dear Parent and Carers,

So much has happened in the lives of our schools over the last few weeks, most significantly a visit from the Ofsted Inspection team to the junior school.

This has been long overdue and anticipated but when that call comes it is always a surprise with so much administrative arrangements to be made in a short space of time!

I will of course inform you of the outcome of the inspection as soon as the report is received and validated. Thanks to those of you who took the time to complete the online parents survey and indeed speak to the inspectors during the visit.

We are now busy preparing for the festive season which seems also to come upon us so quickly! Attached to this newsletter will be a list of Christmas Countdown dates for you to keep on your fridge door or somewhere handy!



Mrs P Woods

Panto Trip

This very special event arranged for both the schools is to celebrate the beginning of a new era as The Flourish Federation. Thank you to those of you who have already paid.

Please understand that this like any school trip is part of the extended and enriched curriculum that, as two schools working closely together we have as a focus. Christmas is an ideal time to celebrate our collaborative working and so much learning will come from our trip! I cannot wait for the creative writing and accounts that will be produced by our children as a result of this experience. For those reasons it is a designated part of the school day and not "an opt in" event. If you have a specific reason why your child cannot join us, for example a medical reason or other exceptional circumstances please put it in writing so that we have evidence for the attendance and behavioural services if necessary, to show why your child could not take part. As always we will not exclude any child from taking part due to genuine financial hardship. Once again, if this is the case please write or talk in complete confidence to myself or any other member of the senior leadership team. I appreciate at this time of the year that we have to dig deep in our pockets but whilst your contribution is voluntary, we cannot proceed with planning future educational trips if the cost has too much impact on our already stretched budget. Thank you for your understanding.

None of us are too old to enjoy a pantomime and I am sure your children will all return happy, having had a memorable experience!

Parent Talks

We hope you found the recent parent talks useful and were pleased with your child's progress; a big thank you to all those who took a few minutes to complete our questionnaire. We are collating your opinions and answers and will publish them on our school website very soon.

As a joint leadership team, we are always very happy to discuss any school issues with you and very much value your opinions. Both schools have an open door policy at the end of the school day when you are welcome to chat with your child's teacher. Please try to avoid long conversations in the mornings as staff need to be with their class to begin the days learning. Thank you.

Farewell and Good Luck

I would like to extend a belated farewell to Mrs Trudy Clark, an HLTA at the junior school who left at the end of Term 1 to pursue a career working with "Forest Schools" which is something close to her heart. We thank Trudy for her contribution to BJS and wish her success and happiness in her future pursuits.

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Says.....

Please remember to take me to any festive occasions or places and take my photo for our School display

Stay safe and healthy!

For every child's safety please park outside the school gates when dropping off breakfast club children. The area outside the junior school becomes very congested and dangerous for pedestrians. There are plenty of parking spaces available at that time of the day.

If you are collecting your child due to sickness or informing the school about an absence could you please inform the offices AS WELL as putting it on a DoJo message? When the teachers are with the children they cannot always check the dojo and we want to make sure messages are received by the admin staff too. Thank you!

Celebrating

Last terms juniors super-heros were Connor Cheyne, Dante Campbell, Callum Stanley, Yasmin Byrne-Stone, Tyler Wood, Sydney Shields, Stan Noble & Jake Shiells.

The infant children are awarded certificates weekly if they are Stars of the Week—well done to all our stars, so far this year.

And finally...

Together with all the staff, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas time and a flourishing new year. Thank you for all the support you give to your children and our new federation!

 * **BFG/FOBS Update** *
 * Our volunteers work so hard to raise extra much *
 * needed funds for our schools, we are very grateful to *
 * them and urge you to support events whenever you can! *
 * Already this year they have raised almost £600 *
 * through their disco and dress up day. Money has already *
 * been allocated to buy "Visualisers" (ICT equipment that *
 * allows teachers and pupils to display items digitally to *
 * enrich lessons) for every classroom in the Juniors. The *
 * Infants recently purchased a class set of iPads which *
 * was made possible with a donation from FOBS. Money *
 * has been donated to help reduce the cost of trips and *
 * also given to classes towards their Christmas *
 * decoration resources. Well done to Year 6 pupils and *
 * adults who braved the weather and ran a stall at the *
 * Larkfield Lights event. They also packed bags at *
 * Morrison's to raise money for their Life Skills project. *
 * Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas *
 * raffle, £1 a strip, a list of prizes will be given soon. The *
 * popular Christmas gift room will open on 15th December, *
 * please ask the FOBS for further details. *
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