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INFORMATION LETTER NO.2 DECEMBER 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers at our most recent Parents' Evening. We have had lots of positive feedback but also feedback about how the school could improve, which we always like to take on board and act on wherever possible. We are currently researching ways of implementing a cash free system in school, as well as looking at how we can accommodate more after school clubs. We are devising an online questionnaire which could be more informative for us, as well as asking some statutory questions.

As some of you may be aware, how we review Staffordshire Education Health Care Plans have changed, due to the paperwork now being written and submitted online, as directed by the County Council. Please remember to check your email which allows you to confirm your attendance for the meeting and complete parental/carers views.

The Christmas break is now upon us and everyone is busy with Christmas activities. Many thanks to everyone who has helped organise and support this year's Christmas Production "A Christmas Conundrum".

Finally, in January, Mr Saunby will be leaving us and we would like to wish him well for the future. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Nicola Price
Head of School



Poppy Appeal



A big thank you to pupils, parents, carers and staff for purchasing poppies and other poppy related gifts in the recent poppy appeal. We raised a fantastic £104.46



BBC

**Children
in Need**

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On Friday 15th November the children enjoyed a fundraising day, which included a big Children In Need assembly - we raised over £300!

Anti-Bullying

Anti-bullying week

40% of parents identified in the recent parent survey, that they didn't know if the school dealt effectively with bullying. We are assuming this is because parents have no experience of their child being bullied in school. As a leadership team we work hard to ensure all children are supported well at all times and continue to raise awareness on anti-bullying and what this means.

Recently we invited the 2 Boards and A Passion Theatre Company in to school. They performed and conducted workshops informing children how to tackle bullying. Most children (wherever appropriate) watched the interactive production and were encouraged to get involved. The children then went back to their classrooms to talk about what they learnt from the performance and wrote/drew a picture/sentence in their PSHE books. We feel that an awareness has been raised in school to create an even happier place for children to learn! A change starts with us!



Resolving Issues

If you feel your child is having problems with another child in school, please contact us to help resolve the issue.

Children do have disagreements on a day to day basis, but if you are concerned that this is something serious, please let us know so that we can follow up your concerns.

Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert

On behalf of the Mayor and Mayoress we would like to thank all of the children who sang in the recent Carol Concert at Burton Town Hall. A total of just under £850 was raised by the local community which included performances from our School, the High School, Tutbury Band and the Health Chorus, towards the Mayors two charities, which were C.R.E.S.T and St Giles Hospice.



Friends of Fountains

The Friends of Fountains continue to meet on the Primary Site half termly. All new members are welcome. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th January 2020 (7.30pm-9.00pm).

Unwanted Presents: If you have any unwanted gifts lying around your house, please feel free to donate them to the Friends of Fountains. These presents can be used as raffle prizes for the Summer Fayre.

Match Funding: If you know of anyone who works for an organisation, why not ask them about match funding schemes - some companies offer this as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. Companies may be able to match fund a stall at our Fayres, please make our Treasurer (Amy Dunne) aware on: adunne@fountains.staffs.sch.uk

Forthcoming Events:

- Christmas Bingo Thursday 19th December 6.30pm arrival, eyes down at 7.00pm
- Family Easter Bingo Thursday 2nd April 2020
- Sponsored Walk on Tuesday 23rd June 2020
- Summer Fayre on Sunday 5th July 2020 at Fountains High School



Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. We raised £174.



Forest School

Classes who were doing Forest School lessons will continue after Christmas. Please make sure your child has a change of old warm clothes including a jumper and some wellies. Many thanks



Bad Weather

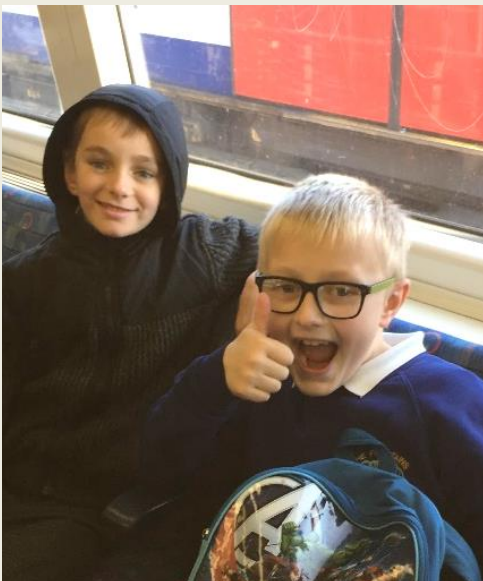
If the High School or the Primary School are likely to be closed due to weather conditions, please listen to BBC Radio Derby (104.5/95.3/96 FM) or log onto the Radio Derby website or listen to Centre/Touch FM (101.6/102.4 FM) where all information will be broadcast. Up-to-date information is also on:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sln/schoolclosures/>

The Fountains Primary School can be found under the 'T' section for The Fountains Primary School

Parliament Trip

Shortly before the half term break, some KS2 children were taken to London. During the visit the children went on the Tube, saw Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street, but more excitingly took part in a Parliamentary workshop at the Houses of Parliament. During this workshop the children went into the viewing galleries of the House of Commons and Lords and watched Boris Johnson and Jeremy Corbyn having a live debate. A good time was had by all!

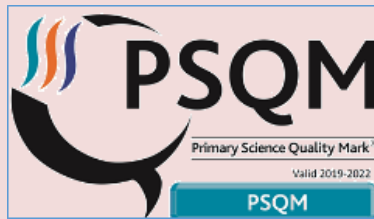


Primary Science Quality Mark

Last year Mrs Bailey and Miss O'Hare worked towards achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) award for school.

They raised the profile and strengthened the Science provision within school through organising a variety of Science based experiences and activities. They focused on their development, effectiveness and confidence as Science leaders, to ensure a positive impact on Science teaching and learning. Together they created a portfolio based upon how Science is delivered within the lessons and highlighted cross curricula activities linked to Science.

The school has been awarded the PSQM award and both Mrs Bailey and Miss O'Hare were invited to JCB Visitors Centre to an awards ceremony, where they proudly collected the certificate.



Food Hygiene Rating

We are pleased to announce that following a recent inspection, Mellors (our contracted catering company), have been awarded the highest possible Food Hygiene Rating. (5 out of 5 which is characterised as very good).



Useful Contacts

Please find below useful contacts for parents and carers:

<http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/holiday-activities>

<http://burtonalbioncommunitytrust.co.uk>

<https://www.caudwellchildren.com>

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Care-for-children-and-families/Childrenwithdisabilities/aimhigh/Overview.aspx>

<http://www.childrenschoicetherapy.co.uk/>



Thank you to all of the parents, carers, friends and family who came to watch our annual Christmas Production 'A Christmas Conundrum'. The children performed beautifully and we're certain you enjoyed watching it as much as the children enjoyed performing it. Classes worked hard learning their parts with fantastic results. We are extremely proud of every single child and their involvement.

The feedback we have received has been very positive, with all the children really enjoying themselves.

Donations were gratefully received towards 'Save the Children', raising a total of £174. Thank you to the staff and all those who helped make this production a success.



Sixth Form Enterprise Projects

Our Sixth Form students currently run various enterprise projects. These projects are really important for our young people as it provides them with valuable work experience, which is essential for them moving into adult life. The Enterprise Projects are as follows:



NEW VENUE The Coffee Bean Café is open on Tuesday and Wednesday at **Stretton Bowls Club**, Burton upon Trent (**term time only**) from 10.00am – 2.00pm.



The Potting Shed Horticultural Centre is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's. The Potting Shed is located at the Greenhouse Centre, Stapenhill Cemetery, Burton upon Trent - (**term time only**) from 9.30am – 2.00pm.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Polite Reminder: Parking

The safety of our children is top priority. However, the school car park can be very busy especially during the hours of 8.45am–9.15am and 2.45pm–3.15pm. Monitoring the traffic outside of school can be a very difficult job, please ensure that the staff are listened to and respected at all times.

Please can all parents be mindful when parking their vehicles and walking their children across the car park.

Wherever possible, please try and avoid parking directly outside the Early Years Centre.

Thank you for your support in this matter.





CHARITY NUMBER: 1142920

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY COURSES

BURTON ALBION COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CENTRE 3G - PIRELLI STADIUM

	
DATES	PRICE
SOCCER SCHOOLS Monday 23rd December Friday 3rd January TRAIN LIKE A PRO Thursday 2nd January	£12 ADVANCED £14 ON THE DAY
TIME	8:30PM - 3:30PM

Includes: Fun Sessions/Tournaments/Prizes

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REMINDERS:

Absences: It is the schools requirement to record all absences by 9.15am, therefore the school has to record an absence as unauthorised, if no absence reason is given. If your child is off school for whatever reason, please inform the school office (**and not bus escorts**) by 8.30am, by calling 01283 247600.

Medical Appointments: Parents must bring in appointment cards for all medical/hospital appointments. If possible, please arrange for these appointments to take place out of school hours.



Authorisation of Holidays

Due to changes made by the Government, all schools have been requested not to authorise holidays during term time. Therefore, parents may still request a holiday, by filling in the exceptional circumstances part of the form and this holiday will then be considered by Mrs Sarah Gilrairie (Executive Headteacher).

Should the school decide not to grant a leave of absence, and parents still take their child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised, which may be subject to a Penalty Notice fine of £60 per parent per child. The fine will increase to £120 if not paid within 21 days. Failure to pay the fine in the correct timescales may lead to Court proceedings.

Standon Bowers Residential – Year 6

All Year 6 children will, once again, have the opportunity to go on the residential trip. This year the trip will be on two different weeks as there are too many Year 6 children to go at the same time. The dates will be 17th to 19th June 2020 and 24th to 26th June 2020. More details to follow.



Parent Pay

We will be implementing Parent Pay, a cashless system, after February half term. Please look out for more information in the New Year.



Polite Reminder

Due to the safeguarding procedures we have in school, we would like to remind all parents/carers and personal assistants that they are not allowed into the main foyer of school before 8.50am in the morning and before 2.50pm in the afternoon. All parties are able to enter the main school 5 minutes after these times, with all children dropped off at 8.55am and collected at 3.00pm.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL MOBILE PHONES ARE SWITCHED OFF BEFORE ENTERING SCHOOL.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.



FOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES

DECEMBER 2019

Thursday	19.12.19	Christmas Bingo
Friday	20.12.19	School closes for Christmas



JANUARY 2020

Monday	06.01.20	School re-opens
Tuesday	07.01.20	No Meadowside swimming
Tuesday	14.01.20	Friends of Fountains meeting
Friday	24.01.20	Chinese New Year Celebration Day - All children to wear red
Wednesday	29.01.20	Parent lunch - EYC, Jellyfish, Seals, Seahorses & Turtles

FEBRUARY 2020

Wednesday	05.02.20	Parent Lunch - Fish, Dolphins, Whales, Octopus & Starfish
Thursday	06.02.20	EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
Wednesday	12.02.20	Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
Wednesday	12.02.20	Parents' Evening: 15.00 - 18.00
Thursday	13.02.20	Round the World Day - Non uniform Day
Thursday	13.02.20	School closes for half term
Friday	14.02.20	Inset Day - Closed for children
Monday	24.02.20	School re-opens

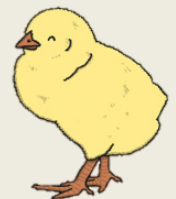


MARCH 2020

Tuesday	03.03.20	Friends of Fountains Meeting
Wednesday	18.03.20	Parent Lunch - EYC, Jellyfish, Seals, Seahorses & Turtles
Friday	20.03.20	EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
Wednesday	25.03.20	Parent Lunch - Fish, Dolphins, Whales, Octopus & Starfish
Friday	27.03.20	Wear Anything Day (Bring Easter Eggs)
Tuesday	31.03.20	No Meadowside swimming

APRIL 2020

Wednesday	01.04.20	Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
Thursday	02.04.20	Easter Bingo
Friday	03.04.20	Easter Bonnet Parade: All parents and Carers welcome 13:30
Friday	03.04.20	School closes for Easter
Monday	20.04.20	School re-opens
Tuesday	28.04.20	Friends of Fountains Meeting



MAY 2020

Friday	01.05.20	School Council Meeting
Wednesday	06.05.20	Parent Lunch - EYC, Jellyfish, Seals, Seahorses & Turtles
Thursday	07.05.20	VE Day celebrations (WW2 fancy dress)
Friday	08.05.20	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

FOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES

MAY 2020

Wednesday	13.05.20	Parent Lunch - Fish, Dolphins, Whales, Octopus & Starfish
	13.05.20	Fashion Show
Thursday	14.05.20	EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
Wednesday	20.05.20	Parents Evening: 15.00 - 18.00
Wednesday	20.05.20	Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
Friday	22.05.20	'Seaside Day' (All children to wear beach clothes)
Friday	22.05.20	School closes for half term



JUNE 2020

Wednesday	17.06.20	Parent Lunch - Fish, Dolphins, Whales, Octopus & Starfish
Wednesday	17.06.20 -	Standon Bowers (Year 6, more details to follow)
	19.06.20	
Tuesday	23.06.20	Sponsored Walk - Children only
Wednesday	24.06.20	Parent Lunch - EYF, Jellyfish, Seals, Seahorses & Turtles
Wednesday	24.06.20 -	Standon Bowers (Year 6, more details to follow)
	26.06.20	
Thursday	25.06.20	EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
Friday	26.06.20	Wear Anything Day - Bring chocolate for Summer Fayre
Tuesday	30.06.20	Sports Day - EYFS & KS1 pm



JULY 2020

Wednesday	01.07.20	Sports Day - KS2
Thursday	02.07.20	Sports Day reserve day
Friday	03.07.20	Sports Day reserve day
Sunday	05.07.20	Summer Fayre: 11.00 - 14.00
Thursday	09.07.20	Family Learning Event 15.00 - 17:30. All parents and new parents welcome
Monday	13.07.20	Awards Ceremony - invitation only
Monday	13.07.20	Transition morning
Tuesday	14.07.20	No Meadowside swimming
Wednesday	15.07.20	Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
Wednesday	15.07.20	Leavers' Assembly - All year 6 parents
Friday	17.07.20	School closes for Summer holidays

