



Primary School Newsletter

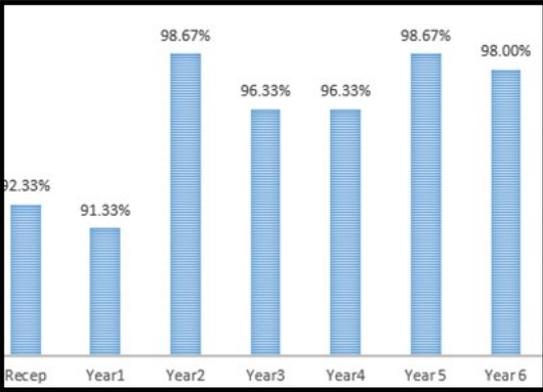
24 November 2017

Christmas dinner & jumper day
Wednesday 13 December is Christmas dinner and jumper day. We ask that each pupil donates £1 to wear a Christmas jumper with proceeds going towards the Academy charity, Medecin Sans Frontier. Children who usually have packed lunches will get a letter closer to the time to help us book numbers.

Reception class bring a parent to lunch
It was great to see so many parents for lunch earlier this week. We will continue to run these throughout the year for different year groups and for those unable to attend this time around, so please look out for dates next term.



Last week's attendance figures




In this week's assemblies, **Ms Luzmore** looked at the work of Medecin Sans Frontieres who are the Academy charity of the year. We learnt about their core values and the ten different forms of transport they use to get help to people in need (including donkeys and drones). **Rev April** spoke about Stir Up Sunday at the start of Advent. When we stir the ingredients for Christmas pudding, we have to wait, but in the waiting we are stirred up to help others in their lives with simple acts of care because of God's gift of Jesus to us.

Non-uniform day

The PTSA are gearing up for the main fundraising event of the term—the Christmas fair. In order to support the Christmas fair, Tuesday 5 December will be a non uniform day. Children may come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation for the chocolate tombola or the raffle. Please bring these items in on Wednesday 6 in order to help with storage space! Raffle tickets will be on sale in the playground.



Mid-Autumn Festival competition

Congratulations to the **ten** winners of the Mandarin 'Mid-Autumn Festival' poster competition. The entries were of a particularly high standard this year and the teachers from the Mandarin department were amazed at the artistic and linguistic talents of our primary children. The winning entries were from Savannah, Carmen, Fayyine, Gwen, George, Grace, Laili, Stacey, Yaser and Zelal, who will all get the chance to go to a restaurant in Chinatown for lunch, in the spring term - enjoy!



Last week for most **clubs** will be 4th December.

Mathlete of the week
Amelia—Year 3
7009 Points!!



After school provision

Some parents have approached the school to ask about different options for extended after school provision, especially for the youngest children. While we have a long relationship with Martin Luther King in Paradise Park, which currently offers both open access and paid for places, we have also been exploring options to work with Highbury Roundhouse to offer places for pupils within one of their established provisions at another local primary school. Please do get in touch with Ms Luzmore if you are interested in finding out more either by email, ruth.luzmore@smmacademy.org, in the playground or popping in to the school. We will also be inviting both providers to come and talk to parents before the end of this term.

Phonics workshop

If you were unable to attend these, there is a summary of how we teach phonics on the curriculum section of the school website or speak to your child's teacher. We will be running maths themed workshops in the new year.

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, children from Year 5 and 6 went to Cally pool to take part in a swimming gala. In all, there were twelve schools taking part (four schools on each day). The children who took part were:

Stacey, Aron, Sasha, Maryam, Laili, Aron, Sasha, Ryan, Kathleen, Fardin, Rosie, Alice, Daniel, George and Henley. They timed everyone and the fastest ones of each stroke across all three days will go through to the finals next Friday evening. **Rosie & Daniel (Year 6)**



THE PTSA CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS YOU!!!



**Save the date - 7th December
3.30-5.30pm - don't miss it!!!**

We need:

- Donations for the raffle, esp toys, and chocolate tombola
- Volunteers to help set up from 2pm
- Volunteers to help run stalls - just 30 min slots.

If you can help, please email joanna.richards@gmail.com or leah.hammond@gmail.com

Dates for your diary

November

Wed 29 - Flu vaccine Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4

Thur 30—Year 6 trip to The Guardian

December

Fri 1 - Year 4 class assembly—3pm

Tues 5—Year 3 Parent lunch 12.30pm

Tues 5—Non uniform day for Christmas fair

Thur 7—PTSA Christmas Fair after school

Fri 8 - Year 3 class assembly—3pm

Wed 13—Christmas dinner and jumper day

Thur 14 - Christmas Show for children - Cinderella

Fri 15—Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity in

Secondary Hall—times TBC

Tues 19—KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary Magdalene Church—5.30pm

Wed 20—Christmas Church Service at St Mary Magdalene Church—2.15 pm

Thurs 21—Last day of term—**School finishes at 2pm**

Photo competition

Congratulations to Gwen in Yr6 for winning the Primary section of the SMMA competition with this fantastic photo. Congratulations also to Theo in Yr3 for being 'highly commended' by the judges. Entries are displayed on the SMMA website.



Headteacher visit

On Monday, six headteachers from the Jiangsu province in China visited the primary school as part of a larger group across the Academy. They enjoyed touring the school, looking in books and asking Ms Luzmore about how we embed creativity into our curriculum at SMMA. The visitors were also very impressed with Year 5's Mandarin pronunciation.

