

# Priory Newsletter

October 2015

## The Bishop of Stafford

The Bishop of Stafford, Bishop Geoff, came to visit us last Thursday. He led our worship and had a tour of the school. He also had a very interesting Q&A session with Year 6 and The Worship Council. The children thoroughly enjoyed his visit and we hope to see him again soon.

## Year 1 Christening

Year 1 visited St Matthias Church on Tuesday for a Christening Celebration. It was lovely to see so many parents in church and we would like to thank those of you who walked with us.

## ISingPOP

The children in years Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in a singing and recording project during the week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. A letter containing more information and an invitation to a concert in school on 12<sup>th</sup> November, will be sent home after half term.

## Admissions 2016

### Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline

The deadline for Year 6 secondary school applications is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2015. Please apply via:

### Reception Class Application Deadline

The deadline for applications for reception 2016 is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. Please apply via:

### Nursery Admissions

Nursery 2016 admissions open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the deadline will be Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2015.

For all admissions please apply via: [https://www.admissions.stoke.gov.uk/ccsenterprise\\_admissiononline\\_live/](https://www.admissions.stoke.gov.uk/ccsenterprise_admissiononline_live/)

### Nursery and Reception 2016 Meeting

We will be having a meeting in school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November for prospective reception 2016 parents at 9:30-10:15 a.m. and prospective nursery parents at 10:30-11:15 a.m.

### Year 1 and Year 2 Flu Vaccinations

Year 1 and Year 2 Flu Vaccinations will take place in school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Information packs and consent forms will be sent out to you on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, **please return them by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. The flu vaccine contains porcine (PORK) gelatine. (This gelatine is highly refined and required to stabilise the vaccine). The vaccine is a nasal spray not an injection.

### New Government Guidelines for Attendance

According to new government guidelines, those children with attendance below 90% will now be classed as *persistently absent* and subsequent absences due to illness will not be authorised without medical evidence, in the form of a doctors' note, proof of medical appointment or prescribed medicines.

### School Trips

If your child attends a school trips please ensure that you give consent via School Gateway (tick the box to give consent) or on the slips provided with trip letters. *Please ask at the office for more information about School Gateway.*

### Class Dojo

If you have not signed up already, we would encourage you to do so quickly. You should have received a letter with your personal log in details. Class Dojo is an immediate way for staff to communicate with parents and vice-versa. We are recording all merits and warnings through the dojos and lots of staff have been uploading class stories, highlighting some of the work they have been doing. We are also able to send and receive messages but if **they are urgent, such as a change to the person collecting a child, you must notify the school office and not message via Dojos.**

### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancies for permanent and casual lunchtime supervisors. Please contact Mrs McAll in the office if you would like more information.

## Fundraising

### Poppy Appeal

The RRS Squad will be selling remembrance poppies in school from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for a small donation. Wristbands will also be available for a suggested donation of £1.

### Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. More details about the event will follow.

### Non-Uniform Fundraiser for Syrian Refugee Children

Thank you to everyone who donated to our non-uniform fundraising event. A fantastic amount of £384 was raised for the refugee children of Syria.

### Book Fair

A grand total of £376.87 commission, from the sale of books, has been donated to Priory. Thank you to everyone who bought books.

### Harvest



It was lovely to see so many parents here on Wednesday for our Harvest celebration. We would like to thank you for your generosity in support of our Harvest Foodbank Appeal.

## FOPS

### Christmas Card Project

We are delighted to reintroduce our Christmas card project which enables you to buy professionally produced Christmas cards of your children's art work. Please be sure to return order forms and your children's art work by 5<sup>th</sup> November at the latest! (**Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November!**)

### Fops Meeting

The next FOPS meeting will take place in school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7p.m.

### FOPS Christmas Chocolate Bingo

FOPS will be hosting an evening of Christmas Chocolate Bingo on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please come along and enjoy what promises to be a fun evening. We would be grateful for donations of chocolate prizes to the school office during the week 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November.

### FOPS Discos

FOPS Discos will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) & Key Stage 1 is held from 5:30pm - 6:30pm and Key Stage 2 from 6:45pm - 8:00pm. We would kindly ask that parents/carers of children in Nursery stay with their child until the end of the disco. Entrance price £1.50 per child.

## Diary Dates

Half Term

iSingPOP Week

Year 2 Around The World Dress Up Day

Year 6 Superheroes Dress Up Day

FOPS Meeting 7p.m.

Year 1 Toy Museum Trip

Year 3 Blist Hill Trip

iSingPOP Concert 6-7:30 p.m.

Children in Need

Nursery & Reception 2016 Meeting 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Academy Photographs

Songbirds Concert 6:45-9 p.m. (Victoria Hall)

FOPS Christmas Bingo 5:30-8p.m.

KS1 Christmas Concert 1:30 p.m.

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Nursery Sing-a-long

Year 2 Christmas Activities at Trentham Methodist Church

FOPS Christmas Disco

w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

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