



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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Value of the Month

“Scatter Joy” Ralph Waldo Emerson

In December, we will explore the value of joy in class and during assemblies. Please send in any examples of your child demonstrating the school values for the ‘Book of Fame’ and we will celebrate it in our Friday sharing assembly.

Emergency School Closures



You can now receive direct communications from Hertfordshire County Council regarding School closures this winter.

We would strongly encourage parents to sign up and download this free app as it also gives detailed information on other schools in the area and town based information such as local road works and road closures.

To sign up to this service please register online at: member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489 It only takes a few minutes and has clear instructions on how to register.

Attendance

I would like to remind you that good attendance is 96% or above. The table below shows class attendance percentages for last two weeks.

Classes	w/b 7 th Nov	w/b 14 th Nov
N	92.5	94.6
R	93.5	98.7
Y1	99.7	99.3
Y2	98.0	99.3
Y3	96.7	97.3
Y4	97.6	99.7
Y5	98.0	98.0
Y6	98.7	98.0

Website

The school website is being updated to include a mobile app and easier navigation. We are aiming to keep the layout similar to the original website with a few up to date extras. Also you can follow us on our new Face Book Page @trottshillofficial and keep up to date with the latest information and see what we’ve been doing in school.



January Inset Day

We have an INSET day on Thursday 5th January and the children return to school after Christmas on:

Friday 6th January 2017

We have planned a theme day for the children on their return. Children are invited to come to school dressed up as who they would like to be when they are working adults and we have organised an inspirational speaker for assembly too.

A letter with more details will follow but please prepare the children to return to school in dress up clothing that day.

Chair of Governors Report: Helen Altringham

As a team of governors, we are delighted that the Interim Senior Leadership Team: Miss Pidgeon, Mrs Shergill, Mrs Mandell (permanent FS/KS1 leader) and Mr Ward have all settled into their new roles and are leading the school during this year.

I meet regularly with Miss Pidgeon and both governor committees; resources and curriculum have met this term and will be reporting a good position to the governing body.

Sports News

Year 4 and 5 competed in a flag football tournament organised by rising Stars. Both teams played extremely well with Year 6 making it to the semi-final and Year 4 winning their final against Bennington.

Year 5 and 6 boys participated in a football festival at round Diamond School. Both teams showed great determination and team spirit. As a result, Trotts Hill were awarded the trophy for best attitude. An amazing outcome – the whole school is proud of the team for demonstrating such sportsmanship.

Our school football teams have continued their success with the boys beating Matins Wood 5-1 and the girls beating Longmeadow 4-1.

Well done to all those who have participated in these events.



Reception Applications

The closing date for reception applications is Sunday 15th January. Please contact the school office if you need any help with your application or do not have a computer at home and would like to use one at school.

Christmas Baubles

From 1st December to 16th December, the children will be able to purchase a Christmas Bauble for £1 which will then be personalised with their own name, class and the year 2016. Children will hang their bauble on the tree in the hall, which we hope will be full of all our children's names as a celebration of our togetherness. At the end of term they will bring their bauble to hang on your Christmas tree at home.

To order a bauble for your child, please send £1 in to school into school in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'bauble'.



Christmas grotto and wrapping room

On Wednesday 14th December 2016 some of our parents are kindly organising our secret wrapping room where children can choose, buy and wrap presents for their mums, dads, grandparents, carers etc.

Thank you to all of you who have donated gifts for the wrapping room so far. We would welcome more items such as chocolates or toiletries which would be suitable to give as gifts.

On the same day, Father Christmas and his elves will be spending the day in our school Christmas grotto. Every child is invited to visit him and receive a gift, at a cost of £2.

Letters to Father Christmas

It is a tradition at Trotts Hill School that all children are given the opportunity to write a letter to Father Christmas and post it in the hall letter box. Letters can be posted from Thursday 1st December to Friday 9th December. All children who write receive a personal reply from Father Christmas when he visits our school on Wednesday 14th December. I would encourage you to spend a little time writing a letter with your child so that they are not disappointed if they do not receive a letter.

Father Christmas likes to receive letters about the children and their news and not just a list of presents! He has told me that he is looking forward to reading all the



letters.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 16th December as part of the Save the Children charity event.

We have taken part in this for a few years and the school looks festive and fun with such an array of jumpers. We ask for a £1.00 donation for those children taking part.

Christmas Concerts

You should have already received letters about purchasing tickets for the Christmas Concerts. Please send in your ticket order forms with payment as soon as possible.

Nursery: 'Humph the Camel'
Friday 16th December 11am

Reception: 'Whoopsy Daisy Angel'

Thursday 15th December 2.00pm

Year 1 and 2: 'The Nativity'

Tuesday 6th December 1.45pm

Wednesday 7th December 1.45pm

KS2 Christmas Church Service

St Nicholas Church

Tuesday 13th December 1.15pm



Christmas Raffle

We will be holding our children's raffle this year, where a child from Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2 will have the opportunity to win an enormous box of goodies which includes toys, games, sweets and lots of fun things to do. The raffle tickets will be on sale for children to buy in school and for parents to purchase at the Christmas concerts at a cost of £1 per strip. The raffles will be drawn in our final assembly at the end of term.

Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties will be on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th December. All classes provide lists for parents and carers to sign up for food and children are invited bring in party clothes to wear. Nursery children are invited to the foundation stage party as nursey will be closed in the morning.

Nursery Lunch Club

Please could Nursery parents note that the last Lunchtime Club this term will be on Friday 16th December. Lunchtime club will resume on Monday 9th January.

School Christmas Dinner

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 21st December. Children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to stay for lunch. The cost is free to all Reception/KS1 children and £2.40 per child for KS2 children.

