



MINERVA NEWSLETTER 5

29th November 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd December

Year 6 trip-Sister at Bristol Metropolitan Academy

Tuesday 3rd December

Explorer Dome in school for years 2 & 5

Friday 6th December

Year 2 trip- Christmas through the keyhole

Monday 9th December:

Year 6 height & weight checks with the school nurse

Thursday 12th December:

General Election
School closed for pupils

Friday 13th December:

Christmas Jumper Day
Key Stage 1 nativity performances
9.30am & 2.15pm

Monday 16th December:

Key Stage 1 nativity performances
9.30am

Tuesday 17th December:

Key Stage 2 winter performance
(times to be confirmed)

Wednesday 18th December:

School Christmas lunch
School Winter Fayre, 3.30-5pm

Friday 20th December:

Last day of Term 2 for pupils

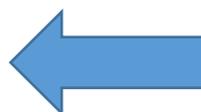
Monday 6th January:

INSET day – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 7th January:

First day of Term 3

With the end of term 2 and Christmas fast approaching, there are lots of festive activities that are taking place in school. Please have a look at the dates in our school diary.



DECORATING OUR TREE

On Monday 2nd December we are inviting children to bring in a bauble/decoration for our school Christmas Tree.

They can be homemade, sparkly, wooden, paper, shiny, pine cones....whatever you choose!

No glass decorations please,
shatterproof only.

WINTER FAYRE

Wednesday 18th December
3.30-5.00pm

Don't forget to take part in our raffle!

If you have bought a raffle ticket already some of the prizes to look forward to so far are: Food hampers from our local Morrisons, Co-op and Tesco, Active Leisure membership, Family photoshoots, - more prizes to follow...

It is not too late to return your tickets! Simply follow the instructions inside the envelope of tickets that your child brought home last week. If you would like to buy them, please keep one side of tickets for yourself and return to the school office the other half with the money in the envelope marked the name of your child and their class. Good Luck!



Stalls: If you would like to run a stall at the Fayre please contact Friends of Minerva. Cost £5 per stall.

DINNER MENU CHANGE

Monday 16th December- Authentic Italian
see week two menu

Tuesday 17th December- Backing British
see week two menu

Wednesday 18th December- School Christmas lunch

For the safety of children, if you drive to school, please can you park at least one street away (eg: Maple Avenue, Woodland way, Thicket Avenue or Beechan Drive) and walk the last few hundred metres. If everyone did this then congestion and parking on the street would be dramatically improved and this would make the school run safer.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Don't forget! Each month, those children who achieve their targets of coming to school by cycling, walking, scooting, or park and stride will receive a special badge!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL USE OF THE PLAY EQUIPMENT

If your child chooses to play on the play equipment in the playground before school opens at 8.45am they must be supervised by a parent/carer.

The play equipment has been designed specifically for use by pupils of this school during school hours and whilst under staff supervision.

At all other times parents/carers must assume responsibility for the supervision of their children as the school cannot accept responsibility for any loss, injury or damage except so far as provided by statute

Thank you for your co-operation.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS



We are aware as a school that sometimes medical appointments during the school day are unavoidable.

However, please can you help support your child's education by ensuring that all routine medical appointments for your child (eg: opticians, doctor, dentist) are made before or after the school day, at the weekend or during thirteen weeks of the school holidays.

Where possible your child needs to attend school immediately before an appointment, to be registered and should return to school after the appointment. Copies of appointment letters are required. Whole days should not be needed for appointments in most instances.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

HEADLICE

We have recently had cases of headlice across school. Please can you check your child's hair and treat everyone in the family, if required.

Please note, you will need to check your child's hair regularly even after treating as baby lice hatch from any eggs left on hair after 3-5 days and again at 10-12 days

Head lice are not fussy about hair length or condition. Clean hair is therefore no protection. Regular combing with a fine-tooth comb and tying back long hair in school may help prevent infection.

LAST TUESDAY'S ASSEMBLY WITH NSPCC

On Tuesday, the NSPCC were in school delivering assemblies to the children about having the right to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe'. The children met Buddy, the NSPCC mascot, and talked about things that can worry us. They were also taught a clever way to remember the Childline phone number - why don't you ask them to show you at home?



Congratulations to the twelve children in reception classes who have completed a block of balance bike sessions and achieved a high level of skill and confidence in riding their balance bikes. **WELL DONE!**



Please **do not include chocolate spread, chocolate bars or cereal bars** in your child's lunchbox.

We have a number of students with serious nut allergies, so we have a policy of **no nuts or nut products in school**. If you do not know if an item contains nuts, please check the ingredients label on the packet.

Thank you for your co-operation.