**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 2nd November 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Bonfire night**

Fireworks can cause serious damage or injury if not used correctly, so always follow the instructions. Keep them away from property, trees, fences, bushes or vehicles and always stand a safe distance away when setting them off.

An organised display is the best way to enjoy fireworks safely.

If you do decide to have your own display remember:

·        you must be over 18 to buy fireworks

·        letting off a firework in a public place is an offence

·        you are breaking the law if you let off fireworks between 11pm - 7am (this is extended to midnight on Bonfire night)

·        make sure fireworks conform to British Standards BS 7114, EN 14035 or EN 15947

Remember not to forget your pets. Keep them safe indoors and make sure they have a comfortable, quiet space to relax in.

**100 Word Challenge**

As you may know, on alternate Fridays in KS2 we complete a 'Big Write' activity so that the children write all morning. In Year 6 we sometimes change this into a 100 word challenge - a piece of writing delivered in about 100 words. The children have a completely free choice of genre and we have recently seen newspaper reports, poems, letters of complaint, stories, a playscript and even the lyrics for a song! This week for inspiration they could choose from 3 items: a T-Rex dinosaur, an enormous diamond ring and a witch's broomstick. Here are two of the best pieces:

**£10 000 Ring by Dexter H**

Dear Amazon,

I am writing to you because the £10,000 ring I ordered is far too large for my finger. I consulted you when I was ordering it and I find it insulting you think my fingers are so large. Just because I sit on the throne all day that does not mean I am as immense as Henry the 8th! You are supporting an unfair stereotype! I deserve a refund for a smaller ring. £10,000 is a lot of money! Right now you are probably rolling around, very happily, in MY money. You are being so incredibly rude! I have the power to shut your company down, in fact I’m going to SUE you!

Yours NOT sincerely,

Queen Elizabeth the 2nd

**My Teacher has a Diamond Ring by Annie S**

My teacher has a diamond ring

Her ring could fit an elephant trunk in it

I’ve always wondered why she carries it around with her, it must weigh a tonne

Like a giant sack of bricks with her

It does, I have to say, look a lot like one of the crown jewels!

“Mrs Salmons?” I asked one day “Where on earth did you get your ring?”

“Can’t tell you that, I’m afraid!” she answered with a cheeky wink

So the next day I brought in a massive bottle of wine, well you can guess what got her talking…

**Bake Off for Children in Need**

School Council are organising a Bake Off to raise money for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Children are required to bake a cake and bring it in on that Friday ready to be judged by School Council. They will be judging the cakes on: Taste, Appearance and Creativity and there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each year group.

It will be a £1 to enter and then the cakes will be sold by the slice at the end of the day - the usual 20p a slice. All monies to go to Children in Need.

**Kites Kitchen**

The menu for Thursday 9th November is Firework Special

Burger in a Bun / Smiley Faces

Corn on the Cob/Cucumber Sticks

Special Iced Biscuit

Your head teacher,

Mr Chris Hirst

**Diary Dates**

Please see below dates for your diary up to the end of December 2017.

**Your Head teacher**

Mr Chris Hirst

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY               (*Amendments and new dates in italics*)**

**OCTOBER 2017**

Friday 20th                                           3:15pm End of Term 1

**Monday 30th                                      Start of Term 2**

**NOVEMBER 2017**

Saturday 4th                                        10am Cross Country

Friday 10th                                           3:15pm – 6pm Family photos

Wednesday 15th                               Young Shakespeare for Years 5 & 6

Friday 17th                                           Children In Need

Wednesday 22nd                               3:15pm Christmas Book Fair

Thursday 23rd                                     3:15pm Christmas Book Fair

Friday 24th                                           3:15pm Christmas Book Fair

                                                                Non Uniform Day

Saturday 25th                                      12noon – 3pm Christmas Fair

Thursday 30th                                     Pantomime for the whole school

**DECEMBER 2017**

Friday 1stChristingle for KS1

Saturday 2nd                                       10am Cross Country

Tuesday 5th                                         Victorian Christmas – Year 5

Thursday 7th                                       4:30 – 7:30pm Parent Consultations

Friday 8th                                              INSET DAY – Parent Consultations 8am – 1pm

Monday 11th                                       Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 12th                                       2pm Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play for parents

Wednesday 13th                               9:30am Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play for parents

Thursday 14th                                     2:30pm Kites sing to parents

                                                                6 – 7pm Carol Concert in the KS2 playground

Friday 15th                                           Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th                                       Term 2 ends at 1:15pm