**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 7th November 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Health and safety**

Parking in front of people’s drives………..

Please can we remind parents to be mindful when parking in the roads outside the school before and at the end of the school day. We do appreciate that it is difficult to park but it is unacceptable to park in front of other people’s drives blocking access.

**Christmas Carols**

A reminder that we are hoping that all KS2 children will come and sing in the Carol Service on the playground on Thursday 14th, 6-7pm. Each year group will perform a Chritsmas song and there will carols for everyone to join in with. Children in KS1 are welcome but should stay close to their parents. Remember your torch and a Christmas hat!

**Cross Country**

On Saturday 2nd December we attended the last race of the Autumn series at Chiltern Edge. It was rather cold and slightly damp so we were pleased to see our runners who had made the effort to turn up, some for their first race ever. Prizes were awarded for Saturday's race and for runners who earned points in all 3 races in the series.

**December's Results**

Y2 : Dominic E 8th, George H 9th; Amy White 5th, Ruby E 6th, Rosa L 21st, Lily G 23rd

Y3 : Oliver S 6th, Oliver M 19th

Y4 : Joshua H 7th, Nicholas W 19th; Sophie W 1st, Jemimah O 3rd

Y5 : Devon S 5th, Joe A 12th, Freddie H 15th, Ben W 16th; Kimberley E 11th, Emma G 23rd, Kacie S 24th, Nina G 26th: Girls' Team 2nd Place

**Series Winners**

Sophie W and Jemimah O tied for 1st Place

Joshua H 3rd Place

Y5 Boys' Team 2nd Place

**Chiltern Arts Poetry Competition**

A reminder that the deadline for the **Chiltern Arts Poetry Competition** is Tuesday 2nd January 2018.  2018 is the final year of the World War One Centennial Anniversary.  Chiltern Arts will be commemorating the Great War with several events throughout the festival in February, including a 'Music of World War One Discovery Day', poetry readings and a sound and art installation entitled 1918: Memory.  This year’s poetry competition theme is ‘Memory’ and inspiration can be drawn from: the events of World War One itself; memories that are personal to the writer; or anything else that the theme inspires.

Entries can be sent via e-mail to: poems@chilternarts.com  or via post to: ***Chiltern Arts Poetry Team 9, Townsend Gate, Berkhamsted, HP4 2FZ***

**Christmas Jumper Day Friday 15th December**

In exchange for £1 children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 15th December. All money raised will go to Save the Children.

**Lost Property**

Please check the green box in the cycle shed and the couple of boxes in the KS2 corridor, as they are currently overflowing with lost property!!

**Christmas Bingo Friday 15th December**

Come wearing your Christmas jumpers and join Mrs Lowe in the hall at 3.30pm for a fun Christmas bingo session. Entry is £3 for 5 games payable on the door. All welcome with an adult. Sweet prizes to be won!

Your head teacher,

Mr Chris Hirst

**Diary Dates**

Please see below dates for your diary.

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

**DECEMBER 2017**

Monday 11th                                       Nativity Dress Rehearsal

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

  *4pm Jazz Club Performance in ICT Suite*

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

 *Christmas Lunch*

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

**JANUARY 2018**

*Thursday 4th January Term 3 starts*

*Wednesday 10th Judo starts*

*Thursday 11th Young Voices*

*Wednesday 17th to Fri 19th Book Fair – Buy one, choose one free for class*

*Thursday 25th Weighing and Measuring – Kites and Year 6*

*Monday 29th Swimming Gala at Oratory*

*Tuesday 30th Eco Council trip to WWF Living Planet Centre*

***FEBRUARY 2018***

*Thursday 8th 4:15pm – 5:45pm KS1 Disco*

 *6pm – 7:30pm KS2 Disco*

*Friday 9th 3:15pm Term 3 ends*