



# Autumn Term 2016

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a huge well done again to all the children who did such a wonderful job in 'Peace on Earth' earlier in the week. It is always lovely to see all the children participate, from the biggest to the smallest. It is also so nice to see how far children have developed in confidence over time, to stand up and do solos, take lead roles and to perform confidently in front of so many people. It is something many adults would find intimidating, yet our children always rise to the challenge and do us proud!

Nightingales class and Miss Marrison did a wonderful job of taking the lead in the performance so a big thank you to all of them for their hard work. I know Red Kites are already looking forward to taking the lead in the summer production, ably supported by the rest of the school.

We have a few goodbyes to say at the end of this term. We are saying goodbye to Mrs Dudley-Smith who has done a wonderful job as a teaching assistant in Barn Owls class and as a lunchtime supervisor, braving the weather, come rain or shine, and she will be greatly missed! We are also saying goodbye to the Robinson family and wish them well as they move up to Yorkshire. Their move means we also say goodbye to Ms Brewer and Mrs Caswell who have worked as Designated Teaching Assistants in Red Kites class and so a big thank you to them for all their work within the class. We are not saying goodbye, just good luck, to Miss Gregory as she goes off to have her baby, due mid January. She has continued to zip around school right up to the end of term, working incredibly hard for all the children, particularly those with Special Needs, and we wish her a restful couple of weeks (if that is possible with a small child around) prior to the birth of her new baby. We look forward to welcoming her back next year.

Mrs Hart, our Chair of Governors, and Mrs Towns were busy interviewing on Wednesday morning from a very strong field of candidates and we look forward to welcoming two new teaching assistants/midday meal supervisors to our staff team, mainly based in Barn Owls class. Both come with a wealth of teaching assistant experience and will start in January. A new addition to our staff team that some of you may have already met around school is Mrs Wendy Edwards as she has already done quite a lot of teaching and attended lots of meetings prior to taking over Miss Gregory's role in January.

There will be a final letter of the term coming out on Tuesday, from our Chair of Governors, Julia Hart, but as our last school newsletter of the calendar year, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Mrs Katherine Towns and Mrs Lou Coulthard

### **Please note:**

**This newsletter contains important information and reply slips about:**

- **Spring Term Clubs**
- **Spring Term Parents Evenings - hard copy reply slips in bookbags**
- **Oundle Festival of Music and Drama**
- **Sale of Cakes and Poems organized by Nightingales Class**

### **Dates for the Term**

Christmas Parties and mufti day for £1 donation towards Present Aid - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Nightingales are holding an Enterprise Day to raise money for 'Hook, Line and Dinner' from Present Aid, which helps some of the poorer people in Africa feed their families (see separate email and facebook post for details). This event is being organised entirely by the children and takes place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 3.00-3.30pm.

End of Term Carol Service: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2 p.m. at St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn. Children do not need to bring book bags on this day and can go home straight from the church if their parents are there. All other children will be brought back to school to be collected at normal time. Reminder: After School Club only runs until 4:30 p.m. on this date.

School finishes on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

School reopens on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

Parents Evenings will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 3.30 p.m.- 5.15 p.m. and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 5 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. and Autumn Term Reports will be given out as part of the meeting. Reply slips have been sent home via bookbags and are also attached to this newsletter. Please complete the reply slip to book an appointment.

**NEW BRASS PLAYERS (Years 3-6).** Due to the Robinson family (3 brass players) moving to Yorkshire, we have opportunities for some new brass players. Brass teacher Mr. Moffat gave a short recital to the older children in school a couple of weeks ago and there was a lot of interest from the children to start learning a brass instrument. If you would like your child to learn a brass instrument please let Joanna know at the start of next term. The cost of music lessons is usually £70-£80 per term depending on take-up, but is working out at £61 per 10 week term this academic year.

### **School Admissions**

#### **Reception Starters**

If your child turns 4 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, you need to apply for a school place for starting school in September 2017. On-line admissions are now open and applications must be made by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

To apply for a primary place, follow this link:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/Pages/default.aspx>

## Clubs for Spring Term 2017

I am delighted that we are able to offer such a wide range of lunchtime and after school clubs at the school. All After School Clubs run until 4.15 p.m. unless you are informed otherwise. **Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter to book a place for your child(ren) in the clubs marked with \*.** If you require information about any of the other clubs, please ask Joanna in the office.

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Clubs start the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January and the last week will be the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Siblings not involved in After School Clubs can be booked into our 'Wrap-around care' After School Club for £3.50, 3.15-4.15 p.m. Places must be booked at least a week in advance.

Day	Club	Age group	Time	Booking Information
Monday	<b>KS2 Art Club</b> (Mrs Towns)	Y3-6	After school	Reply slip*
Tuesday 	<b>Multi Sports Club</b> - This is a great opportunity for the younger children to try a range of sports over the 10 sessions to find out which ones they really enjoy. (External Provider - Premier Sport) <b>Charged</b>	Rec - Y2	After school	See letter attached to this email - apply online
Wednesday 	<b>Running</b> (Mrs Oram) (Trainers, not plimsolls, required)  <b>Signing Club</b> (Mrs Brown)	Y3-6  R-6	Lunchtime	Reply slip*  Reply slip*
Thursday	<b>Gardening Club</b> (Miss Vickers & Mrs Hunt)  Please bring wellies!	Y1-6	Lunchtime	Reply slip*
Thursday	<b>Basketball and Netball</b> (Miss Marrison)	Y3 - 6	After school	Reply slip*
Thursday	<b>Knitting</b> (Mrs Coulthard)	Y3-6	After school	Reply slip*
Friday	<b>Weaving</b> (Mrs Edwards)	Y3-6	Lunchtime	Reply Slip*
Friday 	<b>French</b> charged (Mrs Neal)	All ages	Lunchtime	Letter will be sent out shortly by Mrs Neal
Friday 	<b>Rugby</b> (External provider - Premier) partially <b>charged</b>	Y2 - Y6	After school	Reply slip* plus £10 contribution (majority of cost covered by school)

## Oundle Festival of Music and Drama

We have received the dates for the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama which this year will take place 29<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. As usual, we will help any children that would like to participate with practising. However, parents will need to organise to transport their child to and from the competition and provide a copy of music / prepared reading books.

Please complete and return the slip below with the fee if you would like us to enter your child by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Alternatively, you can enter online via [www.ofmd.org.uk](http://www.ofmd.org.uk)

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**Verse Speaking** - children need to recite their chosen poem from memory. If you can't find the poem, let us know and we will send a copy home with your child. (£3 per entry)

\_\_\_ Year 1 and under: either 'The Christening' by A.A. Milne or recite any poem or nursery rhyme

\_\_\_ Year 2: 'Using your imagination' by Gervaise Phinn or 'Upside Down' by Aileen Fisher

\_\_\_ Year 3: 'Windy Nights' by R.L. Stephenson or 'Colouring In' by Jan Dean

\_\_\_ Year 4: 'Rap up my Lunch' by A Fusek Peters or 'Visitor' by Gervaise Phinn

\_\_\_ Year 5: 'The Hippopotamus's Birthday' by E.V. Rieu or 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' by Robert Frost

\_\_\_ Year 6 'Wildlife' or 'Pem (after PE Lesson)' by Peter Dixon

**Prepared Reading** - children need to prepare a passage of their own choice lasting no more than 1.5 minutes (2 minutes for Year 5 and 6 children). Parents need to source the book themselves. (£3 per entry)

\_\_\_ Years 1 & 2 'The Ostrich of Pudding Lane' by Jeremy Strong

\_\_\_ Year 3 'Nothing but fun in Noisy Village' by Astrid Lindgren

\_\_\_ Year 4 'Stories for 8 year olds' Ed. Wendy Cooling

\_\_\_ Year 5 'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden

\_\_\_ Year 6 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes

## Vocal Solo

\_\_\_ Solo song 9 years and under 'Grandfather Clock' by Thomas Dunhill (ABRSM Songbook Book 1) (£3.75 per entry)

\_\_\_ Solo song 11 years and under 'Coconut Man' by Aubrey Beswick (ABRSM Songbook Book 2) (£4 per entry)

## Reply slip for Clubs for Spring Term 2017

Please return to the school office as soon as possible.

First come, first served where there are limited spaces.

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