



Autumn Term 2017

24th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Friday 17th November, we raised a brilliant **£105** for Children in Need by coming to school with 'Crazy Hair'! Well done to Charlie Fuster-Bradley who was voted by School Council as having the craziest hair!

Our new MUGA is coming along very well, and we hope it will be fully functioning in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your patience with regards to staff cars being parked along the road during this period.

Thank you for your kind donations for our EYFS area. We are awaiting a delivery of some fantastic new equipment, and exciting developments are in the pipeline!

Children in KS2 enjoyed a 'Thanksgiving Day' on Wednesday, complete with pumpkin pie! Thank you to the Collins and Myers families who led craft and baking sessions with the children.

Since September, our Nightingales children have been working hard on a whole class strings project, and are keen to show off their talents at a concert on Monday 4th December at 2.30pm. Please come along to support them - we have been really impressed with the progress they have made playing their violins and cellos.

Some of our Red Kites children enjoyed the first Cluster Orchestra rehearsal at Nassington Church yesterday. The feedback from the orchestra leaders has been overwhelmingly positive - well done to all involved! We look forward to the culmination of a further two rehearsals in a special concert during the summer term.

We are beginning to look ahead to our Christmas celebrations in school, and rehearsals have begun for our Christmas performance on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December. Tickets will be available from the school office at the end of next week. We are looking for any out-grown nativity costumes to replenish our school costume department. Any donations would be gratefully received.

In other Christmas news, the festive post-box will be outside Mrs Sawyer's office from 1st December for children to post Christmas cards to their classmates. Children are invited to donate a bottle (of shampoo, wine, bubble bath etc) and wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 8th December, and FOGS will raffle bottle hampers on Wednesday 13th December at the Christmas performance. Class Christmas parties will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday 19th December. Children are very welcome to bring party clothes to change into for the afternoon, and if the teachers behave themselves, we may even get a special visit from Father Christmas himself!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lou Coulthard, Head of School

Monday 27th November	Robins Christmas Craft Day Scratch Coding Club	Craft Club
Tuesday 28th November	Red Kites Christmas Craft Day LEGO Club	Multi-Sports Club
Wednesday 29th November	Nightingales Christmas Craft Day Strings Tuition Scholastic Book Fair	Premier Sport - Gymnastics
Thursday 30th November	Barn Owls Christmas Craft Day Story Club Brass Tuition Scholastic Book Fair	
Friday 1st December	French Club Woodwind Tuition Scholastic Book Fair	Premier Sport - Tag Rugby
Week beginning 4th December		
Monday 4th December	Scratch Coding Club Scholastic Book Fair Nightingales Strings Concert 2.30pm	Craft Club
Tuesday 5th December	LEGO Club Scholastic Book Fair	Multi-Sports Club
Wednesday 6th December	Harry Potter Maths Club Strings Tuition	Premier Sport - Gymnastics
Thursday 7th December	Story Club Brass Tuition	
Friday 8th December	 Christmas Jumper/ Donate a Bottle Day French Club Woodwind Tuition Forest School for Robins	Premier Sport - Tag Rugby
Sunday 10th December	 Christingle Service St. Leonard's Church Glapthorn, 5pm	



Christingle Service

You are warmly welcomed to St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn at 5pm on Sunday 10th December for a very special Christingle service.



St. Leonard's Church have asked for A4 Christmas designs, in black and white, for their Christmas service information leaflet. Please bring designs into school on Monday next week. 27 November.



Book Fair Parent Helpers

We are looking for parent helpers to help run our Scholastic Book Fair from Wed 29th Nov - Tuesday 5th Dec after school until around 4pm. If you feel you may be able to help, whether for a single session, or for the whole duration, please let Mrs Sawyer know.



Benefield Christmas Tree Festival

We will be entering the Christmas tree festival at St Mary the Virgin Church in Lower Benefield again this year. The children will be making wonderful ice and snow-themed decorations for our tree. Please do go along to the festival on Sunday 10th December to see the tree in all its glory!

Does your child turn 4 before August 31st 2018?

It's time to apply for their primary school place!

Go to www.northamptonshire.gov.uk for all the information you need, and to apply online. Closing date is January 15th.

Homework Club!

Mrs Edwards will be available to give help and support with homework to KS2 children on Thursday lunchtimes in the new term. Please just turn up to Nightingales classroom if you feel you'd like some help!

	<h3>Upcoming dates for your diary</h3>
Monday 11th December	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal 2pm (pre-schoolers welcome)
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Performance 2pm Tickets available from the school office
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Performance 6pm Tickets available from the school office
Thursday 14th December	Dolce Christmas lunch Please order your child's Christmas lunch via Dolce or the school office (Children are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they prefer)
Tuesday 19th December	Class Christmas parties in the afternoon Bring party clothes to change in to
Wednesday 20th December	Carol Concert 2pm - all welcome Last day of term

Term dates for pupils 2018-19

Please note that a few of these dates may be different to Northants term dates

Autumn Term 1: Thursday 6th September 2018 - Friday 19th October 2018

Autumn Term 2: Monday 29th October 2018 - Wednesday 19th December 2018

Spring Term 1: Monday 7th January 2019 - Friday 15th February 2019

Spring Term 2: Monday 25th Feb 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term 1: Wednesday 24th April 2019- Friday 24th May 2019

Summer Term 2: Monday 3rd June 2019 - Wednesday 24th July 2019

