



Newsletter

19th November



Children in Need – Don't forget that tomorrow is 'Children in Need Day'. The children may dress in clothes suitable for the career that they would like when they grow up. The collection will all go to Children in Need and the children should bring £1 for dressing up (sensible shoes please). A Y6 group has also organised a cake sale and games stall for Lower Juniors today and Upper Juniors tomorrow, with the proceeds going to CLIC – a children's cancer charity.

Using the car park and drop off zone – We are starting to have a few problems again and I would just like to go over a few of the rules:



- No parking in staff spaces at all in the morning and not before 5pm in the evening. If you are dropping off for Breakfast Club before 8.20am, please pull up in the drop off zone briefly while you take your child in.
- Parents picking up from sports activities must not drive around the back of school. This is very dangerous for the children coming out of the activities, especially now that it is going dark. Last Friday was particularly bad. No parent should drive around the back of school before 5pm, after that the School's Out parents may pull up there briefly to collect their child/children, please try not to block in staff cars.
- A blue Vauxhall parked blocked the driveway into school recently and caused great difficulty as our coach could not pull into the turning circle. The police were informed and we will do this immediately if cars are parked irresponsibly. Please park legally and with consideration to the school and our neighbours.

I have stopped short of naming and shaming today but we and several parents have noted certain individuals who seem to think that they have special privileges, even though their actions have endangered the safety of children and inconvenienced staff. The improved parking and drop off facilities were a huge school expense and it will only work properly if everyone follows the guidance.

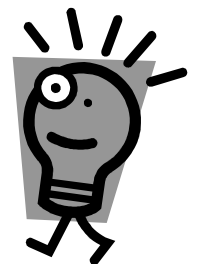
Good As New – Any outstanding vendor monies can be collected from the entrance hall on Friday between 3 and 3.20pm.

Mrs Martin's wishful thinking! – I must apologise for a mistake on the dates sent out last week. We do, of course, finish at 1.30pm on the last day of term and not 1pm.

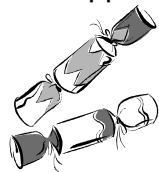
Lacrosse News – There is good news to report from the lacrosse teams. Both teams played extremely well last week, Mrs Cochrane was really pleased with them and the A team are currently top of the league. Most valued players were: Adam Kinghorn and Rebecca Peel; well done to them and to both teams.

A few reminders – don't forget the PTA Business Networking Group meeting tonight at the Griffin Pub at 7.30pm also:

- We still have a considerable number of home/school agreements outstanding. As this is a statutory requirement, the next step is that we have to start phoning everyone who has not returned one. If you have mislaid your copy (or never seen it) please either collect one from the office or send a note in with your child and we will send another copy home.
- The same with the data collection sheet. As you will no doubt realise, it is essential that we are able to contact you or a nominated person during the school day.
- There is still some dinner money outstanding. Please see Mrs Aspinall if you are unsure of the amount due.



- Tomorrow morning is the date for helping with the library. We would be grateful for your support with this. 'Cello lessons will take place in the 'cosy room' during the morning.



Christmas Shopping – If you are ordering items online, please check the PTA website. There is a shopping web link 'Buy-At-Online' and the PTA received a percentage if you purchase through the link.

It's Countdown To The Bowdon Church School Christmas Fair

Saturday 5 December 12 – 3pm

Come for lunch at the Christmas Fair!

Just a reminder that the Christmas Fair is taking place on Saturday 5th December from 12-3pm. We've got hot turkey rolls with stuffing, and hot dogs, so why not join us for lunch?

We'll be selling payment cards during the week of the Christmas Fair. For those of you who haven't been to the Fair before, we sell payment cards for £5 and £10 (in denominations of 25p). The children can use these cards on the day as payment for the many games, internal stalls and activities on offer.

A spot of Christmas shopping.....

We've also got a number of external stall holders selling a variety of Christmas gifts, and you'll be glad to know that our Christmas tree seller is returning again this year! All the stall holders are making a donation to the school – so please do give them your support.



More Volunteers needed!

And finally.... our usual plea for volunteers – whilst many of you have been in touch, we still don't have enough volunteers to help on the day. Please do consider giving up 1.5 hours of your time – without your help we will be unable to offer up all of the activities we have planned. If you can help out on Saturday, to set up or tidy away, please contact Nikki Geddes on 0797 661 9648, Helen Robinson on 0777 453 0025 or Alyson Wilson on 0787 670 7333. If you can spare time to man a stall, then please contact your PTA class rep, who will be organising this on behalf of the class.

Many thanks – The Christmas Fair team



Healthy breaks – We are proud of our Healthy Schools Gold Award and would like to maintain a raised awareness of the issues. Some children have started to bring chocolate biscuits and crisps for morning break - this is not permitted. Suggested breaks are fresh fruit, dried fruit, breadsticks, cheese and the lower sugar cereal bars. If your child is really hungry at break time, there would be no problem with them having a sandwich for break. No nuts are permitted in school, several children have allergies and they are a choking hazard.

Lunchboxes - Whilst we have no intention of becoming the lunchbox police, the same concerns for a healthy school do apply. Of course, you know best what your child likes to eat and what is good for them, however, we can not allow sweets or chocolate lollipops and the like. If you would like to give these to your child, please save them for after school. Again no nuts are permitted and please ask your children not to share what is in their lunchbox. Some are just too generous and of course beside the fact that they may be left feeling hungry, another child may have an allergy.

Children's Centre – Please note the introduction of a Children's Centre service at Hale library on Tuesday and Friday mornings and Altrincham library on Friday afternoon. There is a 'Song and Rhyme Time' (under 5s), Dad's group, Bowdon and Hale Parents' Forum, Speech and Language assessments, a cook and eat course and an information service for Children's Services. We have some leaflets in the entrance hall and they are also available at Hale library.