

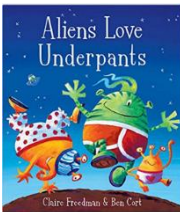
Newsletter 2nd December 2022

Key things to remember for next week

- Saturday 3rd December – WB Junior School Christmas Fair 14:00-16:00
- Friday 9th & Saturday 10th December- Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles Church
- Saturday 10th December- WBIS PTA Christmas Fayre 13:30-15:30 (at the Infant school)
- Remember to order school meals through Evolve <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>
- Please see the bottom of the newsletter for future dates

What's been happening in school?

In assemblies this week, the children were introduced to Agent Concentrate and have been thinking about how to manage distractions. They also learnt about why Advent is important to Christians and why we have Advent wreathes and calendars.

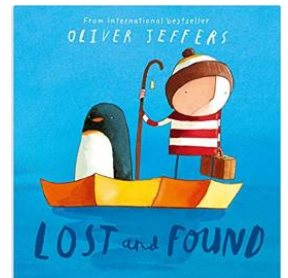


Reception

The topic this week was Aliens! During circle time, the children talked about their answers to the question 'What would you tell an alien if they arrived in the classroom?' They have also been reading ***Aliens Love Underpants*** by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. In English, their learning objective was to begin to write a sentence to tell an alien about themselves. In maths they were learning to find one more or less than a given number.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have continued with their topic of hot and cold countries. In their weather workshop, they have also been learning about UK weather systems and learning to locate the South Pole on the globe. They have been reading ***Lost and Found*** by Oliver Jeffers and writing sentences about what they would take to the South Pole. Just a quick reminder, that if you haven't made a contribution towards the weather workshop yet, if you can, please could you do so, £4 via <https://www.parentpay.com/>



Year 2

Our Year 2 children have been recounting the Great Fire of London, focussing on spelling and doing lots of addition and subtraction in maths. They have been learning about the Austrian artist and architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser in art and drawing buildings in his eponymous style.

Junior School Christmas Fair

The Junior School has asked us to let everyone know that its School Fair is on tomorrow- Saturday 3rd December from 2-4pm, at the main school site. All Infant parents and children are welcome to come along, as well as the tombola, hamper raffles and lots of games and Santa's disco room. What might be of particular interest is the pre-loved uniform stand, which has a good stock of uniform items for you to buy.

Reception trip to see Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Reception classes will be going to Nottingham Playhouse to watch a production of Goldilocks and the Three Bears on Tuesday 13th December. They will be going within school hours and so drop off will be as normal.

Children will be travelling by coach into town at 10.15 for the start of the show at 10:45. They will return to school at 12:00 in time for lunch. We will be requesting a voluntary contribution of £18.50 per child to allow the trip to go ahead and this trip is now live on ParentPay

<https://www.parentpay.com/>



We also need parent volunteers to help the trip go ahead, so if you are able to volunteer, please let your child's class teacher know.

Dates for Christmas Events in School



Saturday 10th December- School Christmas Fayre

- The School Fayre will be held next Saturday 10th December from 13:30-15:30 at the school. Thank you for all of your generous donations so far! There is still time to volunteer to help via this link <https://volunteersignup.org/MKDET>
- All week from 5th December, the PTA will be taking book donations for the Fayre in the playground at drop off in the mornings.
- Wednesday 7th December is the deadline for getting your mystery envelopes and raffle ticket money and stubs into school.
- The stories for Santa slots are live from 4pm today. To book a slot please visit <https://www.parentpay.com/>



Thursday 15th - Friday 16th December Year 1 & 2 Nativity

The children have been rehearsing their production of *Hosanna Rock* in readiness for their performances on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December at 10:00. The Performance will be staged at St Giles Church on Church Drive West Bridgford. There will be a ticket allocation of two per child/family and you can select whether you would like tickets for the Thursday or Friday, or one on each day. Tickets for these performances will go live on Tuesday 6th December. Tickets will be issued on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th in book bags.



Monday 19th December- Reception Christmas Sing

The Reception Christmas sing for children, parents and carers will be held on 19th December from 14:15- 15:00. If you would like to arrive at 14:15 the PTA will be serving festive drinks and treats for a small contribution. Weather dependant, we will be holding this in the playground, so dress up warm!



Tuesday 20th December- Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 20th December, the children will be having a hot Christmas dinner at lunchtime in school. The menu has been updated for this day, so you will need to go back into Evolve and select their choice from the new Christmas dinner options <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>
This is also our traditional Christmas Jumper day, so all children are welcome to come in wearing their jumpers on that day.



Wednesday 21st December – Christmas Party day

Our Christmas party day will be on the last day of term. Children can come to school in their party clothes, and will be enjoying a festive party lunch and will be participating in lots of fun festive games. As with the



Working together to ensure our children are safe, happy and healthy. Ready to learn, ready for life, ready to shine.



Christmas lunch, the menu has changed for this day on Evolve, so please log on and make your selections for this date.

Donations of spare clothes

If anyone is able to send in spare underwear or clothes and in particular girls tights that would be most appreciated. This is for us to have a small stockpile in school for when children need a change of clothes.

Keeping children safe online- parent workshop- a date for your diaries

WBIS will be hosting an NSPCC 'Keeping Children safe On Line' Parent Workshop in January. This is a joint workshop with West Bridgford Junior School. Save the date for your diary of **Wednesday 18th January 2023** 19:00-20:00 on Zoom. The workshop will:

- Help you understand how children experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help you keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

Details of how to book a place will be sent in due course.

Collections for Rushcliffe Food Bank

Thanks so much for your generous donations of goods for Rushcliffe Food Bank so far, we dropped off last weeks' items to the food bank on Wednesday and they were so absolutely thrilled with your generosity! We will continue with this every Friday after drop off, on our '**Food Bank Fridays**.'



Key dates

We have set as many dates as possible for the year ahead and we will try to honour these dates, however dates may have to be changed due to circumstances outside our control. More detailed information about individual events will be shared over the coming weeks.

All dates in **purple** are PTA events.

2022-23	Tuesday 13 th December Thursday 15 th & Friday 16 th December Monday 19 th December Wednesday 21 st December	Reception – Visit to the Playhouse to see Goldilocks Year 1 & 2 school nativity at St Giles 10:00 Reception Christmas sing along at WBIS 14:15-15:00 Last Day of term – school finishes for Christmas break
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