

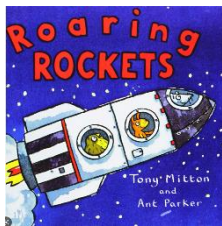
Newsletter 25th November 2022

Key things to remember for next week

- Tuesday 29th November Year 1 Weather workshop remember to pay on ParentPay
- Friday 2nd December Non Uniform Day- PTA accepting chocolate donations all week for the Tombola
- Friday 2nd December 16:30-17:30 – Reception PJ Party, remember to pay on ParentPay
- Friday 2nd December 17:45-18:45 – Year 1 PJ Party, remember to pay on ParentPay
- Friday 2nd December bookings open for 'Story time with Santa' at the Christmas Fayre
- 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?

This week in assembly, the children have been learning about **British Values**, we use a use a hand model to teach our children the five values. The values are as follows: democracy, rule of law, tolerance of others' beliefs and religion, respect for others' views and differences and individual liberty, at age appropriate levels for their year groups.



Reception

This week's theme has been Rockets! The Reception children have been reading the book Roaring Rockets with their class teachers and learning about the International Space station and who Tim Peake is. They have been constructing rockets and learning to write their names on them.

Year 1

The Year One children had a brilliant visit to St Giles church. Where they learnt all about the different features of the church and its age, including its impressive set of stained glass windows. Back in the classroom, they have been making their own stained glass windows in Art. They have also continued their theme of cold and hot countries by writing sentences to create a fact file about Brazil.



Year 2

The children enjoyed a Great Fire of London workshop with Mrs Cutts, where they re-enacted the events leading up to and including the great fire. They have also been learning about apostrophes in English and when and how to use them. They have also been working hard in their school nativity rehearsals for this year's show 'Hosanna Rock'.

Year 1 – Weather Workshop – Tuesday 29th November

Our Year 1 children are looking at different types of weather. To enhance their learning, we have a wonderful session booked in called 'Weather around the World'. This will include identifying seasonal and daily UK weather patterns, comparing weather in hot and cold countries. The contribution for this workshop is £4. Please pay via your ParentPay account.

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. We will be sending out an email with the full details next week.



Children in Need



Thank you to everyone for your generous Children in Need donations! We raised a wonderful total of £371.50, which is so appreciated in the current climate.

PJ Party

Parents can still book tickets for the Reception and Year 1 PJ parties next Friday. Tickets are £5 and will include a drink and popcorn. The closing date for ticket sales is 1st December 2022. The timings for each year group are as follows:

- Reception - Friday 2nd December 16.30 to 17.30
- Year 1- Friday 2nd December from 17.45 to 18.45

The PTA Christmas Fayre

Preparations are already underway for this year's PTA Christmas Fayre. You will have noticed in your children's book bags today a brown envelope containing raffle tickets, which you can purchase at a cost of £1 each. Please send your money back in the brown envelope along with your ticket stubs. Remember to ensure you have included your name and contact number on each stub.



You will also see that there were two white envelopes included. For all new parents these are 'Mystery envelopes'. The idea behind these are that the children can fill them with party bag toys and small treats and then decorate the envelopes. The children really enjoying purchasing these at the fayre. Please only pop in un-used or un-wanted items, sweet treats always go down well too! If you can pop, any completed envelopes and raffle fees into the children's book bags that would be great.

Christmas is coming!

Next week will be December and this half term has really flown by! We will be begin our Christmas preparations and we will be erecting the school Christmas tree and decorating it. We would like to say a huge thank you to Nott Cutts Garden Centre for its generous donation of the real Nordman Fir tree and a base to hold it.



We will also be sending details of our Christmas sing along for the Reception children and parents and carers and our Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production 'Hosanna Rock and how you can secure tickets. Please note each family will be allocated two tickets.

St Giles Church is also holding a Christmas Tree Festival on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December, where the public can go into the church and see an incredible display of decorated Christmas trees donated by organisations



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and businesses across West Bridgford. We at the school are also donating a tree to be displayed, which will be decorated in the theme of 'Wish upon a star'. For more information, please see this [link](#)

Working with our local community

In previous years, the school had links with local sheltered housing providers and we are excited to announce that this year we will be resurrecting this tradition just in time for Christmas. A group of Year two children will be visiting Marlborough Court, which is just off Rectory Road to sing to the residents and spread a little festive cheer.

Collections for Rushcliffe Food Bank

Thanks so much for your generous donations of goods for Rushcliffe Food Bank. We will continue with this every Friday after drop off, on our **'Food Bank Fridays'**. The items that are most needed are listed in the attached flyer. Please remember to bring in non-perishable items. Thanks so much!



Housekeeping

A final note from the teachers, please can we not send children in with lip balms and chapsticks etc. These can spread germs and we have had several cases of Impetigo in year one, so we just want to try and minimise the spread. In addition some children are allergic to the perfumes and some Also if your child has long hair please can you tie it up on P.E days. Thanks for your understanding!

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	Friday 9 th Saturday 10 th December Saturday 10th December Tuesday 13 th December Thursday 15 th & Friday 16 th December Monday 19 th December Wednesday 21 st December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles Church PTA Christmas Fayre 13:30-15:30 (at the school) 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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