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'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 30th November 2017

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary

- **Non-uniform Day TOMORROW** - Friday 1st December, remember your donations for the pocket money stall
- **Friends Christmas Fair** - Sunday 3rd December 2.30-5pm in the school hall
- **Foundation visit to Cherry Hinton Library** – Monday 4th December
- **Year 6 Bikeability** – Week Commencing 4th December
- **Y1 Superhero Day** - Thursday 7th December.
- **KS1 Nativity Performance** – Tuesday 12th December 1.30pm Wednesday 13th December 9.30am
- **Pupil Christmas Lunch** – Thursday 14th December
- **KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church** – Thursday 14th December 6pm
- **Christmas Stay and Play** – Monday 18th December, morning session
- **End of Term Celebration Assembly** – Tuesday 19th December 1.30pm



The Friends of the Spinney
warmly invite everyone to this year's
Christmas Winter Wonderland Fair
on Sunday 3rd December at 2.30pm to 5pm
in the Main Hall at the Spinney Primary School

Santa's Grotto

Tombola

Raffle

Face painting

Pocket money stall

Chocolate tombola

Craft stall

& lots more fun activities and games

Entrance fee: £1 adults and 50p children and concessions

Headteacher's reflections:

As December fast approaches, we are looking forward to some exciting Spinney Community events over the next few weeks. The first of these is the Winter Wonderland Fair which takes place this Sunday. We are so grateful to have such an amazing group of parents who tirelessly organise this festive event year on year, providing a delightful atmosphere for our school community to come together and enjoy each other's company. There promises to be lots of fun and you may also find a Christmas present or two!

Unfortunately I am unlikely to make it to the fair this year as I will be at the SEAS4ALL Conference in Barcelona. This is the final gathering of our international learning community. I will be reporting on how successful this project has been at The Spinney and the impact activities like DLG have had on the children who have taken part. It has been wonderful to hear the children develop their interest of reading though having the opportunity to discuss their ideas and exchange their thoughts with their peers.



Winter Wonderland Fair



Non-uniform day: In preparation of the winter fair there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 1st December and in return children are asked to bring donations for the 'pocket money stall' as follows:

- o **Yousafzal** – Brother
- o **Marie Curie** – Sister
- o **Shakespeare** – Dad/Grandad
- o **Dahl** – Mum/Grandma

Winter fair raffle tickets: Please return any bought and unused raffle tickets to the school office as soon as possible. Raffle tickets will also be available to buy at the winter fair. Raffle tickets cost £1. There are lots of prizes to be won including £50 cash, a Christmas hamper and a premier sports party voucher.

Help required: We still require more volunteers to help with this year's winter wonderland fair. If you are able to assist or if there is a group of you who would like to run a particular activity or stall please leave your details with the school office or let the Friends know by emailing the friends@spinney.cambs.sch.uk.

Spinney Christmas puddings: Spinney Christmas puddings will be available to buy at the school fair. There are three scrumptious flavours to choose from - traditional, chocolate and sticky toffee (all non-alcoholic). These are priced at £6 each or two for £10.



Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 will be taking part in OutSpoken Bikeability training during the week commencing 4th December. Remember to bring your helmet, lock and of course your bike! Please note the correction to the previously advertised dates.



Congratulations to Mr. Sharman

I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating Mr. Sharman on achieving a club record for Cambridge City Football Club, scoring in the last 10 consecutive league games. Mr. Sharman scored in the 54th minute of the last match and his team are currently 2nd in the table. Well Done Mr. Sharman



Mrs. Fasching's Magnolia Tree

Thank you for all of your donations to Mrs. Fasching's memorial fund. On advice from our grounds team we will be planting a magnolia tree in the spring, as part of a Memorial Service and Celebration of all that she has done for us. We will of course let you know more details nearer the time and if you would like to donate and have yet to do so, it is still possible via your Agora account or the school office.



Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance. "Bethlehem's Buzzin"

KS1 have started to prepare for the Christmas Nativity production of "Bethlehem's Buzzin". There will be three performances, beginning with the dress rehearsal to KS2 children on Monday 11th December followed by the two main performances for families on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th at 1.30pm and the morning of Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am. Crèche facilities are available but please remember to book in advance via the ladies in the office.



Pupils' Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 14th December we will be having our special Christmas lunch in school. Those children having a school dinner will be enjoying roast turkey or roasted vegetable and cranberry parcels with roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy. For dessert there is Christmas pudding and custard or home made iced chocolate cake. All children will be able to enjoy the atmosphere together with crackers and festive cheer. There is no need for children to book in advance.



Christmas Stay and Play

Stay and Play is a Family Learning activity funded by the Friends, where you have the opportunity to work with your child whilst having fun. Please come along and join us in your child's class on Monday 18th December to make a gift together to celebrate Christmas.

Foundation class to Year 5 are offering 2 sessions so that if you have children in different year groups then you will be able to spend time with both children. Session 1 will run from 9:15 – 10:15am and session 2 from 10:45 – 11.45. Look out for the sign up sheets which will be located outside each classroom tomorrow.

Year 6's stay and play is called 'Stay and a Play'. There is one session and it will last from 9.15am - 10.15am. Adults and children will be acting out 'Hamlet' by William Shakespeare. All parents, grandparents and other relatives who come along will need to be prepared to act!

If you have younger children that are not yet at school or nursery we will be offering a crèche facility; if you wish to take advantage of this you will be able to book a place from Monday via the school office. We regret that younger children will not be able to remain with you in class due to a lack of space. Please note that we only have limited places in the crèche and they will be offered on a first come, first served basis. We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs. Lane

We would like to inform you that Mrs. Lane will be away from school for the next few weeks. She will be undergoing a surgical procedure and will be recovering until the beginning of the spring term, at the earliest. I am sure you would like to join me in sending Mrs. Lane our best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery. We are thankful to Ms. Bennett who will be covering her classes during this time.



My Cambridge is a growing partnership of organisations and individuals committed to making sure that all young people feel part of the rich variety of culture in Cambridge. This link will help you to discover all the latest events, news and training opportunities for adults working with young people plus creative activities for children in Cambridge <http://www.cambridgeartsnetwork.com/my-cambridge>



52 Stories

52 Stories Takes place every week at Cherry Hinton Library on Saturdays from 10.30am – 11.15am.

If you would like to become a 52 Stories Reader or become a volunteer to help us please come along to Cherry Hinton Library during one of our sessions and talk to one of the 52 Story Team Members. www.52stories.co.uk

www.facebook.com/52stores



Mill Road Winter Fair is a celebration of the area's community. It's an event created and run by people from the Mill Road area with almost everyone joining in and contributing something; community groups, faith centres, businesses, entertainers, residents, visitors ... everyone has something individual to contribute.

This year's fair takes place on Saturday 4th December. There will be live music, signing and other performances at various venues through out the day. The Mayor formally opens the Mill Road Winter Fair at 10.30am at Ditchburn Gardens with activities continuing until 4.30pm. For more information visit the fair website

<http://www.millroadwinterfair.org>

Cambridge United Girls Christmas Football Camp

Cambridge United is holding a girls football camp during the Christmas holidays. Sessions will take place on 20th 21st and 22nd December at Comberton Village College for girls aged 7-15. For more information or to book a place go to www.cuyd.co.uk or call 01223 632770

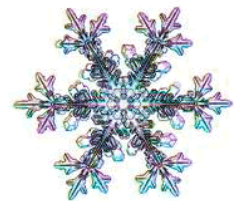
Cambridge Kids Club @ Winter Holiday Play Scheme

If you are looking for fun and exciting activities for your children during the Christmas holidays. Cambridge Kids Club Holiday Play Scheme club can provide your children fun and exciting activities all week. You can book your children in for as many full days (8am until 6pm) or half days (AM or PM) as you wish.

This Winter Cambridge Kids Club will be running a holiday club from: Wednesday 20th– Friday 22nd December. We will be back open on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January 2018. The Christmas holiday theme is 'The End of Year Fun' where the children will explore a range of activities themed around Christmas, New Year, and winter. We have planned an enjoyable and exciting holiday programme to keep the kids busy while learning new skills. Please contact 07960 412 716 or info@cambridgekidsclub.com for more information or to book your place.

And Finally....

Our talented caretaking team of Mrs. Cordy and Mrs, Payne, will shortly be decorating the front entrance for the festive season. I look forward to being welcomed back next week to a gorgeous display of their creativity which always adds additional warmth to our school.



“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?”

John Steinbeck

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