



Ark Franklin Newsletter

25th November 2016

Dear Parents

As you can see from the selection of photographs on this week's newsletter our children have been on many exciting learning excursions this week.

Last year, parents and children requested more trips, we are delivering on this, but really appreciate prompt responses from yourselves with regard to permission and payment.

Tickets for Santa's Grotto are available from today on **WisePAY**. Parents can book a preferred time slot and then select the number of tickets they wish to purchase at a cost of £5.00 per child. There are nine time slots each lasting a maximum of twenty minutes, with ten family groups allowed into Santa's Grotto at a time. Parents will be able to take a photo of their child/ren with Santa and each child will receive a gift. Santa's schedule is very full at this time of the year, therefore places are limited and parents will need to adhere to the selected times. Please remember all adults must be accompanied by a child. Book now to avoid disappointment.



Next Friday, to wear their own clothes to school, we are asking children to bring in a £1 donation, allowing us to purchase items for our hampers.

On Wednesday evening our **Shakespearean Players** wowed audiences with their spirited performance of *The Tempest*: well done to them, Mr Prior and Miss Whalley. A **special performance** will take place for years five and six on **Tuesday next week at 2.30pm** in our top hall, any parents that would like to come are welcome. Please enter via the school office by 2.25pm and you will be escorted upstairs, under threes and buggies cannot be accommodated.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Headteacher

Headteacher's thought for the week

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.



Reception had a great time at the farm this week.

PTA News

There will be a PTA meeting in the nursery front room on Thursday 1st December from 7.00pm – 8.00pm, please access the site via the nursery gate on Harvist Road.

Key Dates

Friday 9 th December	Staff training day
Thursday 15 th December 3.00pm-6.30pm	Winter Fayre – no after school clubs or care today
Friday 16 th December 2.00pm	Y5/6 winter concert at St John's
Monday 19 th December	Christmas performances Reception 9.30am Nursery 10.30am Y1/2 2.00 & 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas lunch Christmas performance Y3/4 2.15pm
Wednesday 21 st December	Term ends at 2.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th January	Staff training days
Wednesday 5 th January	Children return

Lost Property

Please label your child's clothing clearly with a permanent marker or name tapes, then we can return their lost items to them in a timely manner.

Christmas trees from Kensal Pines...

We will be emailing out a flyer to all parents for whom we have an email address later today for Kensal Pines. This local supplier of sustainably-sourced Christmas trees will be selling their trees/mistletoe etc from tomorrow onwards from The Church of the Transfiguration on the corner of Chamberlayne Road and Wrentham Avenue, 10% of all purchases will be donated to Franklin.

Stay and Play has returned on Wednesdays in the nursery front room

Sessions run from 9.15 until 11.00am. If you have any further questions please email Veera Patel, the wonderful parent volunteer who organises these sessions.

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Year Two have thoroughly enjoyed excursions to the science museum.