



Friday 21st November 2014

If you think that your income is low and you receive any of the benefits listed, then call 0345 155 1019 to apply for the 'Pupil Premium Grant':

- Income support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190 without Working Tax Credit
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJS)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999

At the Junior School: If you are entitled to the grant your child will receive a free school meal. You will also pay a reduced cost for school trips and visits, including a significant reduction to the cost of the Y6 residential. Your child also will be given additional targeted support in class on top of any they may have already.

How do I apply? Go to:
www.devon.gov.uk/free_school_meals.htm

You can apply online by downloading an application form from

www.devon.gov.uk, or call: **0345 155 1019**

with your National Insurance Number, date of birth, name and child's details and an eligibility check can be carried out using the Department for Education's Eligibility Checking System.

PTFA Pop Up Cafés

The next PTFA Pop Up Café will be in the **Junior School Hall next Friday 28th November**. This time it's **Year 6's turn to bake** for the café – all you need to do is bring in a plate or tub of cakes, buns or biscuits on Friday morning and leave it on the table outside the office.

Christmas

I know it's early, but it comes around really quickly, so...

This year we are celebrating Christmas with a school assembly where we will be singing festive songs and listening to some children reading a version of the Christmas story. We have invited the vicar in to join us for this.

On Tuesday 16th December at 3.00pm we will be inviting Y3 parents to join us for some carol singing followed by a mince pie.

Finally, we have a Christmas post box going up in the entrance hall on Monday 1st December. The children can post their cards, which will be delivered during the day by our Y6 elves. We can only deliver cards to children in the school – please write their name and class clearly!

Decorations In the next week or so each class will be making a Christmas decoration to hang in the school hall. Year 5 need lots of red wool for theirs – if you have any spare please could you pass it on to Mrs Salter in 5AS.

Children in Need Thank you for supporting our Superhero Day last week. It was great fun, and we collected a total of £222.55 to donate to Children in Need

Year 5 Art Masterclass

We have some spaces available for Year 5 children at the St James School Art Masterclass. This will be taking place on the first Tuesday of each month from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Activities will include

Expressive drawing skills

Painting skills

Art history

Printing

Ceramics



Places are limited, and children will need to bring in a note in to Mrs Salter next week if they want to book space.

Childline Workshops

On Thursday the Y5 and Y6 children took part in workshops with Childline. The presentations were excellent, and your child may want to discuss what they learnt about with you over the weekend.

Transfer

The Infant to Junior Transfer is now open with the closing date of 15th January 2015. Letters to all your Year 2 children will be sent tomorrow to advise them that they can apply online for the first time. The website is www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

If anyone cannot apply online they can still fill in a paper form (called a Junior Step). They can get a paper form by calling the Contact Centre on 0345 155 1019.

Christmas Carol Club

We would like a group of children to sing Christmas Carols at the PTFA Christmas Café on the 12th December. To make sure they know the words Mrs Nyeko has kindly agreed to run a Christmas Carol Club on Wednesday lunchtimes, starting next week. If your child would like to take part please could they return this part of the newsletter to the office as soon as possible – there are limited numbers due to space in the practice and performance spaces!

Child's name..... Class..... I would like my child to take part in the Christmas Carol Club. They understand that they will need to come to every practice and take part in the performance at the Christmas Café on the 12th December.

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