



# Newsletter November

## November

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> PTA Bun sale 3.15pm
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Keeping Safe Week
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Y1 & Y4 Road safety training
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Y2 Road Safety training
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> **School closed: Staff Training Day**
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> PTA at The Booth Wood 8pm
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Hand to Mouth Assembly
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> pm Y5 & Y6 to Rishworth School
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> PTA Advent Fayre

## December

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> PTA Secret shop
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Whole School trip to the panto
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas parties pm
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Carols around the tree at St John's Church pm
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> School Closes

## January 2015

- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> School opens 8.55am**
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Class 3 swimming

### Parents' Forum

The Parents' Forum is a chance to have an informal chat with the Headteacher and Governors about the school's future plans. The next forum will be held after praise assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

**The Christmas dinner week menu** has been sent home for those children who have packed lunches, but would like to order a Christmas dinner. Please return any order with payment of **£2.10** by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

We have a very busy ½ term coming up until the Christmas holidays. Please check your child's book bag on a daily basis so you don't miss important letters and information.

### Panto

The whole school will be visiting the Victoria Theatre in Halifax on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please watch out for the permission slip coming home shortly and return to school as soon as possible.

### Y5 & Y6 visit

Rishworth School has kindly invited our Y5 & Y6 pupils to watch their performance of "Oliver" on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please return the permission slip to the school office as soon as possible.

### EYFS & KS1 Nativity play

Ticket request letters will be sent home during week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets go very fast – please fill in your request (max 3 tickets) and return to school to avoid disappointment! Extra tickets will be available from the office on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### KS2 Cooking

A quick reminder that all **Year 4 pupils** will be cooking until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Year 3 pupils will be cooking for 2 weeks on 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December. **All pupils will need to bring £1.50, an apron, a tea towel and an oven proof container.**

### Reception intake 2015

If you are aware of any siblings or children due to start school in **September 2015**, please ensure the office have their details so they may receive the Calderdale information packs and school prospectus due to be sent out in the late Autumn.

### Keeping safe week

During the week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we will be concentrating on keeping safe, with various activities and visitors in school centred around road safety, e-safety, anti-bullying, first aid and playing together safely.

### Labelling uniform

There are lots of unidentified school sweatshirts in Key Stage 2 at the moment. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked in all their uniform so that if lost, it can be easily returned to the correct child.

**Calderdale Interfaith Council** will be doing a Faith Walk on **Saturday 22nd November** between different religious centres in Halifax. Starting at St Paul's Church Queens Road at 11am and ending at the Quaker Meeting House Clare Road Halifax at around 12 noon where there will be refreshments and presentations. All are welcome to attend.

St Bartholomew's Church, Ripponden's Annual Christmas Craft Fair at Ripponden J & I School, 10.30am – 3.00 pm on **Saturday, 22 November 2014**. There is plenty to keep the children occupied while parents browse or relax in the café; face painting, Pick 'n' Mix Sweet stall, Post Box to Father Christmas, Bran Tub, Chocolate tombola, Prize Every Time Christmas Tree, home-baking and produce, Jewellery, Plants, Tombola, Craft items and much more.

### Bad Weather and texting

With the winter approaching it is vital that all mobile contact numbers are up to date as we will use the texting service to notify parents of any closure.

Bad weather can disrupt traffic and cause school closure, however the school will only close if there is insufficient staff to supervise the children safely.

Can parents/carers please visit the school and Calderdale's websites; [www.stjohnsrishworth.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsrishworth.org.uk) OR [www.calderdale.gov.uk/emergency\\_schoolclosures](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/emergency_schoolclosures) and listen to BBC Radio Leeds 92.4 fm / 774 am and The Pulse 102.5fm where up to date information will be found.

### PTA Bun sale

The PTA is holding a Bun sale in aid of Children in Need on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm** on the decking. All donations will be gratefully received and can be brought into school on Friday morning. Thank you.