

## Autumn Newsletter 7

### Curriculum Update

Looking ahead to next term, Year 3 will be learning about the Stone Age in their topic 'Crazy Cave Dwellers.' In science they will begin by focusing on rocks and soils, before moving on to friction.

The main topic in Year 4 will also be history based as they explore both Saxons and Vikings in their 'Traders and Raiders' topic. Science themes are animals including humans and living things and their habitats.

During the first half term, Year 5 will be looking up to the stars for their space themed topic 'May the force be with you.' Following this, the focus will shift to the ancient Greeks and the impact they have had on our lives today.

Year 6 will be working on a Geography based topic titled 'Frozen Planet' which will study the polar regions and how these areas have been explored. Science lessons will focus on evolution and inheritance, followed by living things and their habitats.

Remember that you can always find out more about what the children are learning on the curriculum tab of our school website.

<https://www.wbjs.com/topic/curriculum>

### New School Logo

As you will see from the top left of this newsletter, we have recently had a new school logo designed for us. This has been created in preparation for our new school website which will be launched in January. The logo will be used on the website, letterheads and other communications. There will be no change to the school uniform.

### Best wishes to Miss Beal

Miss Beal will be starting her maternity leave next week (slightly earlier than planned) and we wish her all the very best as she waits the arrival of her baby. We are delighted to have Mrs Wood covering Class 1 while Miss Beal is away. Mrs Wood knows our school and the Year 3 curriculum incredibly well and has already been working with the children in Class 1. I know Mrs Wood is really excited to get started!

### Christmas Fair thanks

It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday. A huge thank you to Claire Hughes and her team of HSA volunteers who organised such a brilliant event. Thanks to your incredible generosity we raised a staggering £3294. Thank you!

### INSET days

A reminder that Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December is an INSET day and that school will be closed to children. Our INSET days for the remainder of the academic year are:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

### Remaining Christmas Events

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening next week, Year 4 and 5 will be performing 'Santa's on Strike!' These performances both start at 6pm and will take place at West Bridgford Baptist Church.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, we warmly invite you to join us in the hall at main school for our Community Sing. This will start at around 3.30pm and the HSA will be selling refreshments immediately afterwards.

Our final Christmas event is the Year 3 and 6 Carol Concert at St Giles Church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This will begin at 6pm and last for around an hour.

## Key Dates Spring Term

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole school writing project
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Careers Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January at 6pm	SATs information meeting
Week beg 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Dukes Barn Residential for Year 4
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Week beg 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evenings
Week beg 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Art Week
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term