



### Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome to our new families. Don't forget to check the notice boards, twitter and our website for more frequent updates to our Newsletters.

### APPLICATION TO RECEPTION

Please ensure you have applied for Reception if your child is 4 before the end of August 2017. The application process closes this Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Decisions will be issued on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. If you intend to apply to a Catholic Primary School, please contact the school for their admissions process and application form.

### APPLICATION TO NURSERY

If you have a child or know someone who has a child that is three between April and August this year, the application process is now open and will close on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. Forms can be completed electronically on the Newport City Council website at <http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Schools-Education/Schools/Apply-for-a-place/Admission-to-nursery.aspx> If you have any problems accessing the forms please let us know and we will send the link to you by email.

### CHARITY

Thank you so much to all of you for your support for our charities last term. Your generosity raised:  
£147.43 for McMillan Nurses  
£171.05 (Match Funded by Lloyds to £342.10) for Children in Need  
£151.26 for Noah's Ark Appeal  
£125.00 from the raffle for our School Fund to enable us to pay for the Christmas Party  
AND ....

A mountain of clothing, bedding etc. for the One Step Homeless Centre following their fire in December.

Well done everyone.

### FOOD BAGS

Every Tuesday we receive bags of food that is close to date or past sell by date that is deemed to be still edible. These bags are free to anyone who wishes to take one. If you see white carrier bags of food in the cloakroom, please feel free to take one. We often have a selection of toiletries that you are welcome to take as well.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please send in your used Christmas Cards for us to recycle.

### INSET

The next INSET Training Day will be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. This means that when we close for half term on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February the school will be closed to children until Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### THEME

Our theme for this half term is "Help Me Please"! We already have a nurse coming to talk to the children and have approached a paramedic and the road crossing lady. If anyone has a role within the community that they are happy to talk about with the children, please speak to Mrs Edwards or Mrs Morgan. Our first Stay and Play Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, will be around this theme and will offer you the chance to stay with your child for the first hour of the session to experience activities around People Who Help Us. Grandparents or another over 18 family member are welcome if parents are working.

### COATS

Please remember to always bring a coat for your child as we go outside in all weathers. It is upsetting for your child if they are not able to access outside with their friends. Remember to put their name in their coat.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** – visit by a nurse to talk to the children about her role  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Help Us Please! Stay and Play Day – please see above for details.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Cultural Celebration Day  
– Wales and St. David (This will be a Stay and Play Session - more details to follow)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Parental Consultations

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Woodland Park Day (This will be a Stay and Play Session – more details to follow)

### **Reminders:**

#### **Please remember:**

**Donations** of £1 per week and fruit

**Label** all your child's clothing

Let us know if your child will not be attending or someone else will be picking up your child. Our telephone number is: 01633 259415

Please **check the notice boards** in the cloakroom for regular updates

Please ensure your child brings a **coat** to Nursery everyday as we go outside in all weathers

Please help yourself to the free school uniform on the rail in Sunbeams cloakroom

Check out our website

at: [www.fairoakschool.co.uk](http://www.fairoakschool.co.uk)

Or our twitter: @FairoakNursery

**We currently use emails, newsletters, notice boards, twitter, websites and word of mouth to inform parents. However, some parents still report they “did not know”. If you have any ideas of how we can get important messages across please speak to a member of staff as we are always willing to consider new ideas. Please be aware that we are governed by strict data protection laws.**