



# College House Primary School

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We have had a great start to this half term in school. The children in Key Stage Two are continuing to work hard and are enjoying their topics. The Year 6 children had a super residential at Caythorpe. They really challenged themselves and were a true credit to the school. Year 3 and 4 have also enjoyed some Capoeira music and dancing to enrich their topic this term. (Photographs and videos of all recent activities are on the school website – About Us –Gallery link.)

Children in Years 3 - 5 have started to practise for the Christmas production.

In Reception the children are also working hard. They loved having the chicks in class to support their work on The Little Red Hen and they have been so excited to watch them hatch and develop. We are also practising our nativity so be prepared for lots of Christmas songs very soon!

Please check the 'Dates for your Diary' section at the end of this newsletter for forthcoming events.

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As from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> children will not be allowed to bring 'Match Attack' or similar trading cards into school due to issues they have been causing – we will review this decision with School Council in the New Year. Also, may we please remind you that children should not be bringing any toys into school unless agreed with the class teacher.

In the run up to, and over the Christmas break, we are refurbishing the school library. This also involves the rebranding of every library book. This is a massive job and to ensure that it happens effectively we are asking that all library books are returned to school by **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. The library will not be issuing any books after today although children may still access the library to return their books in the 'Returned Book Box'.

Despite numerous reminders, children are continuing to have a school dinner despite their account being in arrears. It is extremely important that dinner accounts are in credit if your child is having a meal, as the cost of providing a school dinner to children whose account is in deficit has to be met by the school budget. If you are experiencing difficulty in making payments please contact the school office. Thank you.

Reminder - Snacks at break time should be healthy, fruit based ones and **not** chocolate or sweets.

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Last Friday was Children In Need day – it was wonderful to see the children arrive at school in their pyjamas! Thanks to your kind donations we were able to send a cheque for £320.00 to Children in Need.

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A Year 5 pupil has organised a Christmas appeal for the homeless. She is asking for donations of the following items: Socks, hats, scarves, towels, toiletries and 'ready to eat' food. If you would like to support this project the items can be brought into the school office. Thank you

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We are currently looking to recruit a relief mid-day supervisor, if any parents/carers are interested please speak to a member of the office staff for further details.

### **Friends of College House**

We are delighted to announce that the Firework Evening, organised by the Friends of College House, was a huge success. The weather stayed fine on the evening and we had a large number of people attend. Together with the takings from the recent school disco The Friends have already raised over **£3000** for the school since we returned in September – this is an amazing amount! Thank you to everyone who attended these two events.

The next committee meeting for The Friends of College House is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 6pm at school. It would be lovely to see some new faces to discuss future events and fund raising ideas. If you are unable to attend but would like to join the Friends mailing list please email them at [friends@collegehouse.notts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@collegehouse.notts.sch.uk) with your name, child's name and class.

### **Dates for your diary**

02.12.16	Christmas Fayre @ Meadow Lane
07.12.16	Nativity performance (more details to follow)
12.12.16	Deadline for Y3/4 residential deposit
12.12.16	Christingle (choir only)
13.12.16	Christmas dinner day
14.12.16	Christmas show 4pm and 6pm
15.12.16	Reception children to Meadow Lane to watch Geoffrey Jumper
15.12.16	Carols in the playground @ ML – 6pm
16.12.16	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties (Afternoon)
19.12.16	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties (Afternoon)
20.12.16	Reception children to join Meadow Lane for Xmas party - pm
04.01.17	Inset Day – children not in school
05.01.17	Children back in school