**Lunch-times**

**Last Thursday saw our special Harvest Lunch** take place, when the children were all invited to bring a grandparent, parent or other guest to join us for one of Mrs Scragg’s delicious roast dinners in school! It was so well-supported and such a success that we hope to repeat the event in the future.

**Lunch-time supervisor needed!** If you are interested in the details of this vacancy, or know anyone who might be, please email the school office for more information.

**PTA**

Please be on the look-out for raffle prizes which the PTA can use at our Christmas events. Money is being raised this year for a Class 1 ‘visualiser’ projector and to fund coaches for trips, among other things. More information from Alison Williams or any other PTA committee member. Copies of an official letter are available if you need one to approach a company or business to request a donation of a raffle prize.

Remember to return all **Movie Night** forms & payment by Monday 22nd October!

Next PTA meeting (to plan the Congleton Lights Switch-on stall, and our own Christmas Fair): Friday 16th November – please put the date in your diary and come along to find out how you can help out.

**Romania Appeal …**

The children have been helping Mrs Mortishire-Smith prepare for a mission trip to Romania in the half-term holiday, to volunteer in one of the country’s only schools especially for young children with autism and learning needs. We are fundraising to buy therapy toys and equipment for her to take. The School Council and Ethos Group will be running a cake and Kids’ Car Boot Sale **this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10th/11th/12th October.**

Please support us by sending (and buying!) cakes, and by encouraging your children to bring along any good-as-new but unwanted books or toys (nothing electric/electronic, please) to be sold at play-times and after school.

**… and Shoebox Appeal**

Each year, we support the Operation Christmas Child appeal to send shoeboxes filled with small gifts to children elsewhere in the world who are in war-torn or other extremely difficult circumstances. Like last year, the PTA are buying the special flat-pack boxes which make the packing task oh so much easier! The boxes will soon be coming home with the children, along with instructions about what can/can’t go inside. We are encouraging the children to think ahead – be setting aside any freebie gifts/toys… save two-for-one deals, etc. It doesn’t have to cost so much that way. Our deadline in school will be Friday November 9th, so it might make a worthwhile and fun half term holiday project. More details will follow soon and, in the meanwhile, you can read all about it and watch videos on the Samaritan’s Purse website.

**Safety First**

**Please shut the gates!** In the interests of safeguarding, we usually lock the gates from when registration closes at 9am until just before 3pm when parents & carers start to arrive for home time. In between we try to answer the bell to visitors as quickly as we can, but during teaching time it can take a few minutes. Thank you for your patience.

New fencing and gates are all finally completed, including at the back of the school leading to the field, so that our whole perimeter is now secure for the children.

**Playground equipment and bikes**

Please can everyone make sure that children **do not scoot or cycle in the playground,** or use the play equipment outside the normal school hours of 9am to 3.15pm as they are not supervised by a member of staff, and we teach the children that they are only safe to play on with appropriate sports footwear.

**Please do not be tempted to pull your car into the access space in front of the school gates** for a speedy drop-off, as it causes a block in visibility for traffic and pedestrians and therefore a danger to those crossing the road and walking along the footpath into school.

**Playtime Snacks**

To pay ahead of time, please send the correct amount of money in a named envelope. If any children are hungry at playtime, and don’t have snack money, there is usually enough free fruit/veg available for everyone.

 **Upcoming Events**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **School Events** |  | **PTA Events** |
| Date | Event |  | Date | Event |
| Mon 15th October  | **Y5 Pilgrim Day trip to Chester Cathedral** |  | Wednesday 24th October 4.30—6.30pm | **Movie Night**  |
| Fri 26th October  | **School closes for half-term** |  | Friday 16th November, 3.30-4:30pm | **PTA event planning**  |
| Mon 5th November  | **INSET - Staff training day** |  | Saturday 24th November  | **Christmas Lights switch-on** stand, in Congleton. |
| Tues 6th November | **School re-opens** |  | Saturday 1st December  | **School Christmas Fair**  |
| Wed 7th November  | **Parents evening by appointment** |  | Thursday 13th December—6-7.30pm  | **Christmas Disco**  |
| Thurs 8th November | **Parents evening by appointment** |  |  |  |
| Fri 9th November | **Remembrance service in church, 10:45am** |  |  |  |

**After-school Clubs this term:**

* Monday: Multi-sports
* Tuesday: Creative Club
* Wednesday: Athletics Club
* Thursday: Computer Club (both classes) and Guitar Club (KS2 only)
* Friday: Lego Club (both classes) and Bible Buddies (KS2 only)

Mr Barard and Mrs Burton are not in school this week, so please direct any questions or concerns to Mrs Perrin (Mon, Tues & Wednesday) and to Mrs Mortishire-Smith (Wed, Thurs & Friday).

The teachers on welcoming duty are available to take messages on the playground or to talk further or make an appointment to talk after school hours.

In the event that no-one is in the office to answer or return your phone call quickly, we do have an emergency mobile phone number, and this phone will be carried by a member of staff at all times.  The number is: 07594 164613

The office phone messages and emails will otherwise be checked and answered by staff at the beginning, middle and end of the day.

If you have a query, the complaints procedure can be found at:

http://bosleyschool.co.uk/page/policies/6654

The first ‘port of call’ should always be the class teacher where possible.