**Y5 Pilgrim Day**

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a special day of activities about pilgrimage and the life & worship at Chester Cathedral on Monday. They were excellent representatives of our school with their superb behaviour and took part with enthusiasm in everything. They even played a hand-bell tune in front of 200 other school children & adults at the end of the afternoon and you can see photos of our day on the school website.

**Romania Appeal**

**THANK YOU** for the amazing array of delicious cakes that came into school and the good-as-new toys and books which we sold after school last week, raising an amazing £134, including extra donations! A *big* thanks also goes to the pupils who ran the sales each day. We were fundraising to buy therapy toys & craft materials for Mrs Mortishire-Smith to take to an autism school in Romania on a trip in the half-term holiday.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal**

Flat-pack boxes are coming home with the children this week along with leaflets explaining how to pack them and an ‘All about Me’ sheet. The deadline for returning boxes to school is Friday 9th November, so have fun working on filling them in the half-term holiday! There are spare boxes & leaflets by the visitors’ book inside school.

An alternative to packing a complete box is to bring items from the list that we can put together to fill an extra box or two in school. Or, you can donate so that the cost of transport of someone else’s box is covered – the suggestion is £5 per box.

**PTA**

Please be on the lookout 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. 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.

**Safety First**

**The busy main road.** We strongly advise that all parents & carers make sure that the children always walk along the footpath into school with an adult and do not run on ahead - we were especially concerned to see this happening on the windy days last week!

**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.

**Upcoming Events**

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| **School Events** | |  | **PTA Events** | |
| Date | Event |  | Date | Event |
| Fri 26th October | School closes for half-term |  | Wednesday 24th October 4.30—6.30pm | Movie Night |
| Mon 5th November | INSET - Staff training day |  | Friday 16th November, 3.30-4:30pm | PTA event planning |
| Tues 6th November | School re-opens |  | Saturday 24th November | Christmas Lights switch-on stand, in Congleton. |
| Wed 7th November | Parents evening by appointment |  | Saturday 1st December | School Christmas Fair |
| Thurs 8th November | Parents evening by appointment |  | Thursday 13th December—6-7.30pm | Christmas Disco |
| Fri 9th November | Remembrance service in church, 10:45am |  |  |  |
| Fri 9th November | Shoebox deadline |  |  |  |
| Fri 16th November | Lego City technology workshops |  |  |  |
| Tues 11th December | Whole-school New Vic theatre trip: The Wind in the Willows |  |  |  |
| Mon 17th Dec (2pm) & Tues 18th Dec (7pm) | Christmas plays |  |  |  |
| Wed 19th December | Christmas lunch |  |  |  |
| Thurs 19th December | Carol Service in church, time tbc. |  |  |  |

**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 (07594 164613), and this phone will be carried by a member of staff at all times.

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.