

11th November 2016

Scalford CE Primary School Newsletter

Braiswick Photographs

A reminder that if you wish to purchase photographs, to return your payment next week, please. The company will be collecting order forms on 14th November.

FOSS—Clarins Event, Thursday 17th November at 7pm

Please Note: Event Cancelled due to lack of support.

For one night only!

'Remix' will be performing major hits from the last fifty years on the 26th November at Scalford Village Hall from 7.30pm—11pm. All proceeds raised will be in aid of Scalford Pre School. There may be a familiar face amongst the musicians! Tickets costing £10 per person are available from the school office, Scalford Post Office and Pre-School.

Measuring height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6

Please check book bags this weekend as letters are been sent home regarding National Weights and Measurements. If you wish to withdraw your child, please follow the procedure that is set out in the letter to do so.



Base 3 visit to Little Dalby

Base 3 will be visiting Little Dalby on Thursday 17th November for a day of outdoor learning. Your child will need to take a packed lunch and drinks for the day, wear jogging/track suit bottoms (no jeans please as they are very uncomfortable if they get wet) and have a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves, wellies and spare shoes. The children will be outside all day, so please ensure they are suitably dressed as they will get muddy and possibly wet (but will have a fabulous time!)

Winter Draws on!

Now that the cold weather has truly made an appearance, please could you ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves so that they stay toasty throughout the day. Please remember to name all items clearly.



Dates for your Diary

Scalford Breakfast Club
at School from 7.30 am to 8.45 am.

Thurs 17th Nov—Base 3 to visit Little Dalby.

Thurs 17th Nov—FOSS Clarins Evening at Ragdale Hall 7 pm.

Fri 18th Nov—Children in Need day.

Tues 22nd Nov—Base 1 visit to the Botanic Gardens in Leicester.

Wed 23rd Nov—Base 2 Drama Workshop.

Sat 26th Nov—Leics Cross Country Prestwold Hall.

Tues 29th Nov—Christingle Service 10 am Methodist Chapel.

Tues 29th Nov—Year 5/6 Basketball Competition Belvoir High School.

Wed 30th Nov/Thurs 1st Dec Year 5 Bikeability training.

Thurs 1st Dec—Flu vaccinations for Y1-6

Thurs 1st Dec—Last Football after school club.

Fri 2nd Dec—Base 3 singing at Melton Christmas Light Switch on 1.15 pm.

Wed 7th Dec—Nativity Play 10.30 am in Church

Children in Need

Friday 18th of November is Children in Need Day! This year we have decided to split our fundraising between BBC Children in Need and a local fundraising campaign 'Archie's Army', which supports a little boy with Duchennes, a muscle wasting condition.



We are inviting the children to look 'Spotacular', by dressing in anything spotty, or facepainting spots/spotty hair bands or even spotty socks, in return for a donation! The children have also decided that they would like to have a cake sale so if you would like to donate any cakes towards this event, please send them in on Friday 18th November.

And finally, Mrs Gilchrist has very kindly offered to make a special 'Children in Need' Cake which will be raffled on the day to boost funds.

Christmas Wreath Making

Christmas Wreath Making - it's here!!!! Friday November 25th from 7.30 pm.

Book your place now to make the ultimate, fabulous Christmas Wreath to adorn your door over the festive season.

This great social evening is held in St Egelwins Church, all you need to do is come along with a creative mind and any special foliage/ trimmings/lights etc you may want for your wreath. (Bags of general foliage, floristry wire and your wreath ring are provided). Cost only £15 per person (which includes food and a drink). Please book in advance as this helps tremendously with catering. You can give your money and book your place via Ginny Winder or Charlotte Clemons in the playground or via Penny Clemons.

Leicester Visit

Base 2 and 3 had a wonderful day of learning last Friday during their visit to Leicester Cathedral and the New Walk Museum.

We will be posting photographs and a short report about the visit on the school website: www.scalford.leics.sch.uk if you would like to take a look.

Thank you to FOSS for financially supporting this worthwhile visit and to Mrs Mapletoft to helping on the day.

Messy Fiesta

Our now regular Messy Fiesta took place on Monday 7th November in which all of the children took part in a day of studying our Christian values. Please ask you children about Koinonia to see if they can tell you what it means!



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 8th Dec—Nativity Play
6 pm in Church.

Thurs 8th Dec—School Christmas Hot Dinner Day.

Mon 12th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day—Part 1!

Mon 12th Dec—Singing at Scalford Court 3.30 pm.

Thurs 15th Dec—Christmas Party Day.

Fri 16th Dec—Goldies and Oldies Celebration 2 pm St Egelwins Church. Christmas Jumper Day Part 2!

Fri 16th Dec—End of Term.

Time Travellers

Base 2 will be travelling back in time on Wednesday 23rd November when they will be taking part in a Stone Age morning! As part of their studies, we have invited a group of drama students who will be bringing 'history to life'. In order for the children to really feel that they have been transported back in time, we would like them to dress as Stone Age people. This need only be a very simple outfit. The children will also need to bring their school uniform as they will need to change for the afternoons activities.

ParentPay

We are in the process of setting up an on-line payment system for parents to pay for school meals and school visits. Parents will be able to pay securely online using a debit/credit card which offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and from wherever you like. You will have a secure online account activated using a unique user name and password. Making a payment is straight forward and ParentPay holds payment history for you to view at a later date; no card details are stored in any part of the system.

Once you have activated your account you can make payments straight away. We will of course still accept cash and cheques for the time being.

You will receive your unique ParentPay account on Friday 18th November. We are sending a list FAQ's together with a flyer with this newsletter for your information.

Newsletter Announcement

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.

Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

How to get started with ParentPay



We will shortly be sending you your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

www.parentpay.com/Parents

ParentPay FAQs

- **When can I log in to my account?**

Once you have received your activation letter from school with your activation login details you will be able to activate your account and start making payments. This letter will be sent to you soon by your school.

- **Which cards can I use?**

ParentPay accepts MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards, and Maestro, Switch, Delta, Electron, Solo and Visa debit cards. Some schools may limit the use of credit cards for some transactions; you will be informed by the school directly of any such restrictions.

- **Is it safe to make payments on the internet?**

Yes. ParentPay uses leading technology to process your card transactions securely. All communication with the bank is encrypted and neither ParentPay nor the school have access to your card details.

- **How can I check that it's secure?**

Standard website addresses begin with *http*: the address for a secure site will always begin with *https*. You will also see a padlock at the bottom/top right of the screen on our login page and after you have logged into your account; never enter your card details or personal data on any web page whose address does not start *https*.

- **What about our personal information?**

ParentPay holds a very limited amount of information about you and your child solely for the purpose of administering your account however; ParentPay does not use your personal information other than for supporting the school. We do not share or give information to any other organisations. We operate under strict guidelines set out by the Data Protection Act 1998.

ParentPay will NEVER contact you by phone, email or mail and ask you to divulge confidential information like passwords or card numbers. If you are ever contacted by someone claiming to be from ParentPay, please contact us immediately on 02476 994 820.

- **I do not have a home PC so how can I use ParentPay?**

Why not visit your local library, internet café or see if you can get access to a computer at work. Alternatively ask if you can use your school's computers. Many schools have computers available for parents and will be happy to show you how to use them.

For more information please visit www.parentpay.com