



28th November 2011

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## General Information

Please note that I (Mrs Caroline Wreglesworth, Headteacher) and my Deputy, Miss Julie Lawrence will be out of school for three days at a conference in Birmingham, from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, inclusive. Mrs Jennifer Barnett, Assistant Headteacher will be overseeing the school during those three days. Please be aware that this is not in connection with the strike and that the school will be open as usual on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to sharing any new thoughts and ideas that we pick up from the conference with the staff and children upon our return.

### Christmas Concerts

We hope that you have all put the concert dates in your diary and noted when you can come into the school office to collect your tickets. Please appreciate that with the size of the classes and the room in the main hall that we have to limit families to two tickets, in the first instance. We will hold a reserve list but we cannot guarantee these will be honoured. We will however, be videoing each concert as the 'next best option'.

Concert tickets are free of charge. On the day of the performances however, we will be making a collection on the door. This year there will be an opportunity to put any voluntary contributions you wish to make, towards one of three collections:-

- 1) Children's toilets.** We are intending to install 4 brand new toilets in the main block and to relocate the disabled toilet to allow room for the additional toilets. We are keen to get this underway as soon as possible.
- 2) South African Kindergarten.** Each year we send money out to support this kindergarten. Mrs Rye (a former teacher at this school) and her husband spend 3 months a year over in South Africa and devote their time to helping the children in this township. Mrs Rye comes into school following their visit to show our children how the money was used to improve school for these children.
- 3) Resources to support our outdoor learning.** As you will appreciate outdoor resources get heavy usage and often need replacing due to normal wear and tear e.g storage 'cupboards' where small play resources are housed so that children have free, independent access.

We appreciate any help towards funds that supplement our income and allow us to move forward with projects, more quickly. We aim to identify areas that will have an impact on the children's well being and understanding of others, as well as having direct curriculum links. We do however feel that you should have some choice in areas that you consider are important to you.

- Remember that on this occasion we offer crèche facilities for all concerts **as younger children are not allowed into any concert.** If you wish to use the crèche then register your child with the school office on the day you collect your tickets.  
Thank you.



## Charity support

This term we have collected for Children in Need and would like to thank you most sincerely for your contributions. The school was able to send a cheque totalling £480.31, so thank you to all.

## School Renovations

No doubt you will all appreciate that with a school this size and the resources we have around the school grounds, that to maintain them it is like the Forth Road Bridge upkeep. No sooner is one play area or fence sorted, than the next is in need of repair or renovation. Recently all sandpit covers have been repaired with stronger wiring, at some expense in terms of money and labour. It is for this reason that we ask parents not to sit around the sandpits or allow children to climb anywhere near them. Please help us to look after the school. Green benches are on the back playground to provide seating and these should be used instead.

The parents who helped with the varnishing have done a great job, so many thanks once again. One parent we have yet to identify so please come and make yourself known so that we can thank you personally.

## Drop In and Discuss

Mrs Barnett (1JB) is on a course on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December when the next Drop In session is happening. The children's books will still be available on that day if you wish to come in. Mrs Barnett will be there for the Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> morning 8.00 – 8.30 am Drop In and Discuss. Please liaise via the Home School Diary if you need to meet with Mrs Barnett.

## Foundation 1

Now that the weather is getting colder and the children are still accessing the outdoors for the curriculum can you please make sure that your child has enough breakfast before coming to school. The Nursery staff are reporting that some children are complaining that they are hungry. We have snacks available for your children but this is not enough, especially if your child is not eating well at breakfast time.

On another note for parents who come into Foundation 1 in the first 20 minutes of either session. Please ensure that other siblings are well supervised so that the learning environments set up for teaching are not disrupted. We do not want to have to restrict siblings but this may have to happen.



## Celebrations Assembly

This will take place **Friday 9th December** starting at 9.10 a.m. Please bring any trophies, medals and certificates to your class teacher and make sure that each item is labelled with your **child's name and class**. Frequently the same medals are awarded to children **so please** make sure these too are clearly labelled with a sticker, on the back. All awards must be brought into school by **3.00 p.m. on Wednesday 7th December**. If your child wishes to perform and their coach or tutor is willing to say anything about the activities in which your child is involved, then please let Mrs Wreglesworth know. If younger siblings attend Celebrations Assembly please appreciate that the event can be prolonged, depending on the number of awards to be given out, and we would ask that they remain as quiet as possible.

## Pepper Coffee Morning

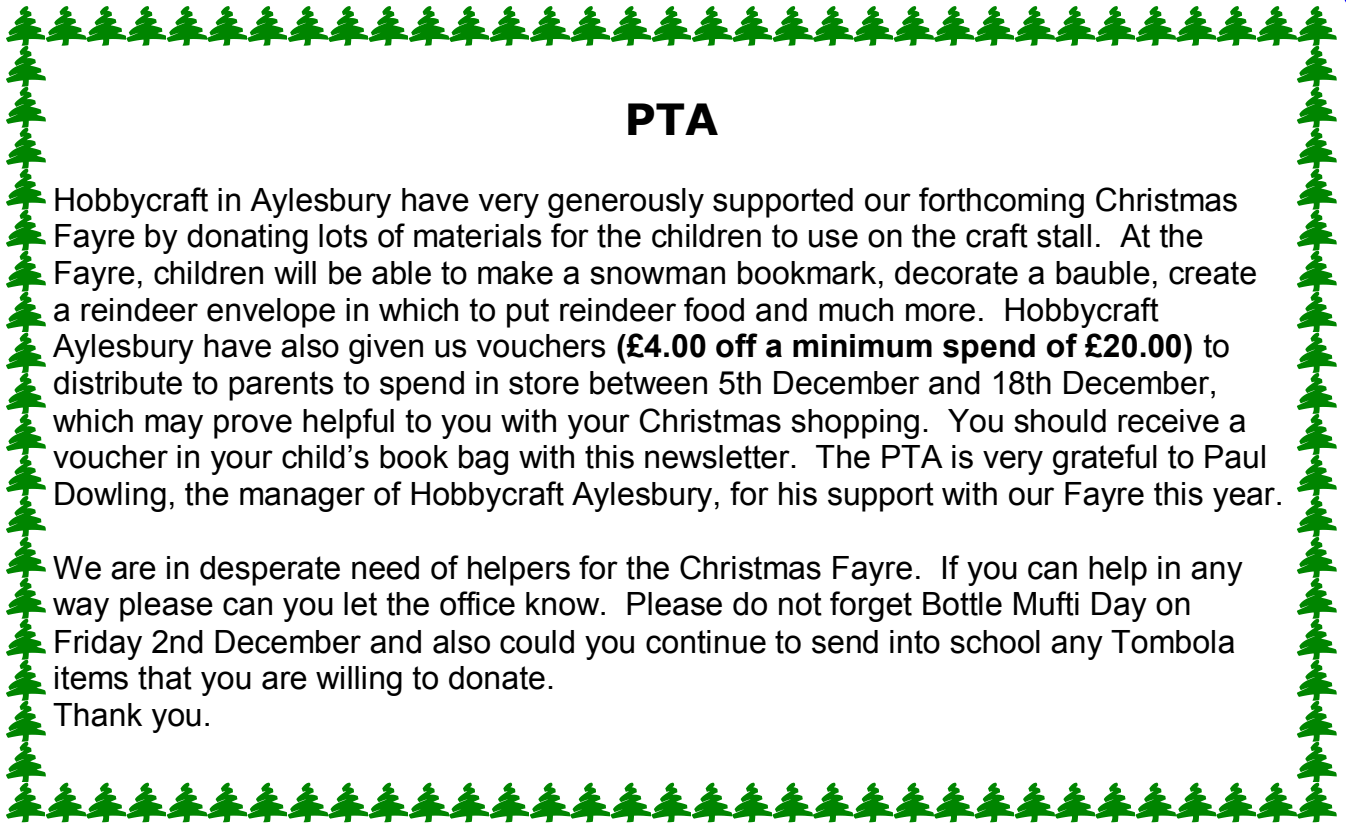
Please come and support our coffee morning on Friday 9th December between 9.00am—11.00am in the Training Room to raise money for The Pepper Foundation, palliative care for terminally ill children. We lost our little boy Seth in June 2008 and their invaluable care and support helped us and Seth. My husband and I and our son Bailey who is in Year 2 at Bedgrove Infant School still have continued support from them.

If anyone would like to donate cakes please email me (Karen Marshall-Rogers) for more details. [BMRKES@SKY.COM](mailto:BMRKES@SKY.COM).

This coffee morning may well suit parents who will have been in school for Celebrations Assembly. Please make your way to the Training Room on the back playground after this event to support this worth while cause. The back gate will be open between 9.00am—11.00am for easy access to this coffee morning.

## Hair

Please tie long hair up for school as this makes it much easier for your child to see their work when bending over and with physical play and PE it is not suitable to have long hair potentially getting caught in things.

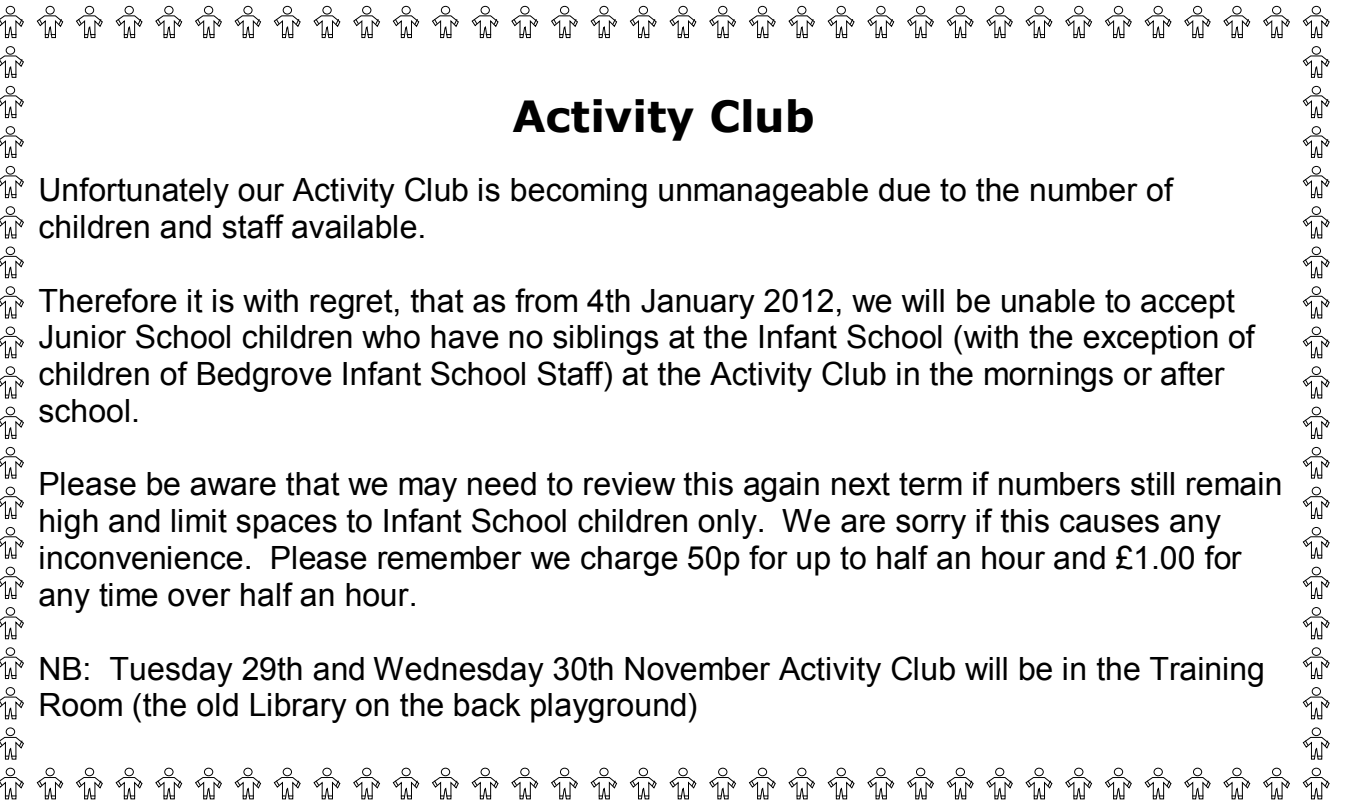


## PTA

Hobbycraft in Aylesbury have very generously supported our forthcoming Christmas Fayre by donating lots of materials for the children to use on the craft stall. At the Fayre, children will be able to make a snowman bookmark, decorate a bauble, create a reindeer envelope in which to put reindeer food and much more. Hobbycraft Aylesbury have also given us vouchers (**£4.00 off a minimum spend of £20.00**) to distribute to parents to spend in store between 5th December and 18th December, which may prove helpful to you with your Christmas shopping. You should receive a voucher in your child's book bag with this newsletter. The PTA is very grateful to Paul Dowling, the manager of Hobbycraft Aylesbury, for his support with our Fayre this year.

We are in desperate need of helpers for the Christmas Fayre. If you can help in any way please can you let the office know. Please do not forget Bottle Mufti Day on Friday 2nd December and also could you continue to send into school any Tombola items that you are willing to donate.

Thank you.



## Activity Club

Unfortunately our Activity Club is becoming unmanageable due to the number of children and staff available.

Therefore it is with regret, that as from 4th January 2012, we will be unable to accept Junior School children who have no siblings at the Infant School (with the exception of children of Bedgrove Infant School Staff) at the Activity Club in the mornings or after school.

Please be aware that we may need to review this again next term if numbers still remain high and limit spaces to Infant School children only. We are sorry if this causes any inconvenience. Please remember we charge 50p for up to half an hour and £1.00 for any time over half an hour.

NB: Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th November Activity Club will be in the Training Room (the old Library on the back playground)

