



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Christmas has been in full swing at Falcon with shows, parties and Christmas dinner enjoyed by the children over the last few days. But it hasn't only been fun and games, the children have been working hard too.

Year 3 pupils performed their Christmas show to packed houses on Tuesday evening and Year 4 on Thursday evening whilst pupils in Year 5 performed a selection of carols and songs to parents and friends on Wednesday. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part, they are all stars. DVDs will be available to buy for the Y3/4 performances, although not until the new year. Letters will be sent home to all parents of pupils involved on our return in January.

This term we said goodbye to a few staff members. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Lindsay (TAs), Miss Kelly and Miss Gray (Teachers) and Mrs. Taylor (Office) who has been with the school a staggering 25 years! What an achievement Mrs. Taylor and we wish you a happy retirement. We thank all staff for their hard work during their time here and wish them well for the future.

Joining the Falcon team in January we have Mrs. Buckland (Class Teacher for Mallards), Mr. Ferguson (Class Teacher for Kingsfishers), Wendy Green (SCITT placement) who will work alongside Miss Jenkins in Bitterns at various times throughout the Spring and Summer terms, Kathy Findlay (Teaching Assistant) who will work in Year 3 and Jessica Shevlin (Teaching Assistant) who will work in Year 5. We also welcome two new office staff with Faye Moloney joining as Finance Officer and Suzanne Porter as a Receptionist. A very warm welcome to you all.

I hope you have a good holiday and we look forward to everyone returning rested and ready to work hard in the Spring term. School reopens for pupils on **Thursday 4th January** (Wednesday 3rd is a staff training day). A detailed calendar of events for the Spring term can be found at the end of this newsletter.

It just remains for me to say thank you parents for all your support this term during the various events that have taken place and on behalf of the Governors and staff of Falcon Junior School we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Clarke

Acting Head

Twitter

Now over 500 followers! Many thanks. Photographs from school activities and trips are available on our Twitter feed @FalconJuniorSch



Building Improvements

Work continues on the upper playground for the new classroom block. Completion date is Easter 2018. Safety barriers and signs are in place. Extra cloakroom facilities for Year 4 are now complete.

Library

Reminder from Mrs. Franks (Librarian) to please ensure your child returns the curiosity bags (if they have received one) on the due date with all items included so they can be given out swiftly to another child.

Behaviour

Back in the early part of the term, we sent home information about the expectations regarding behaviour at Falcon. I wanted to pass on how pleased I am overall with how the children have responded and wanted to pass on my thanks to parents for your support.

Parking

I have had recent phone calls from residents and parents concerned about parking once again outside school at drop off and collection times. Their concerns rightly focus on the safety of the children. There are concerns about people parking unsafely on the corners of roads, which obstructs the view for pedestrians and other road users. I would politely ask you all to think carefully about where you park or stop to drop off and collect your child and to prioritise all children's safety above convenience.

Falcon Football

The Year 5 and Year 6 Football teams have completed their Autumn season. Y6 managed to secure the title after a series of impressive performances. And in the Jack Ramm UEA tournament they were the best team on the day, however were knocked out on penalties. Year 5 were drawn in a very tough league and although didn't manage to win the league, produced some good performances. Thanks to all children who took part and parents who came along to support.

Governing Body

If you would like to be involved in the strategic direction of the school, please come along to the Falcon Governors Coffee Afternoon on Thursday 25th January 2018 to find out more. Mr. Clarke and a selection of current governors will be there on hand to explain the role and answer any questions you might have.

PTA

A big thanks once again to the PTA for another successful term fundraising for the school. They were involved in many activities such as the Christmas Fayre, Pumpkin Competition, Non-Uniform Days and lots of other events. It is worth noting that the PTA paid for all Christmas parties and have purchased wet play games for the lower school. The Christmas Fayre raised £1303 and the Disco £636. To Steph and the team - a big well done.

Upcoming Dates

December

Tuesday 19th	Break up for Christmas	3.10pm
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January

Thursday 4th	Children back to school	8.40am
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Thursday 18th	Parent Consultation Evening	3:30-7pm
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Tuesday 23rd	Parent Consultation Evening	3:30-7pm
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Thursday 25th	Governors Coffee Afternoon	2pm
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February

Friday 9th	PTA Non-Uniform Day	
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Friday 9th	Break for half-term	3:10pm
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