



IRCHESTER COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday 19th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank our generous Foundation Stage parents who donated a total of £157 to the Luwero Community Project in Uganda at the Nativity performance of 'Born in a Barn' in the Chapel last Friday.

The Choir have completed their seasonal performances singing at the Darby and Joan Club and Irchester Library. Extra thanks and value beads for resilience go to Mrs Bazeley and Mrs Hale and those choir members who turned out in the snow on Sunday 10th December to sing at St Katharine's Church toy service.

Mrs Hall, our school librarian, has unfortunately been off unwell so we are extending the closing date for her Author Book Challenge to Wednesday 17th January 2018. The challenge was for the children to read three books by three different authors and write a book review about one of the books. A task many children may like to do over the holidays, especially if they have new books for Christmas.

Maths with Parents

We are seeing a positive impact in the classroom for those children who have been watching the videos and undertaking the activities at home. If you haven't signed up or accessed this learning resource, please contact the office immediately and they will help you to get access in time for the holidays.

Online Safety

An important date for your diary: **Tuesday 30th January 2018 9:00am or 6:00pm**

Online safety is an increasingly important aspect of our children's lives; parents and school need to work together to help children manage their use of the internet in a positive way. The most effective way is to train both the adults and children on how to do this. School staff will undertake training as part of their teacher training day on 3rd January 2018. On 30th January we have paid for Simon Aston, NCC online advisor, to come in and deliver two sessions for parents at 9:00am and again at 6:00pm. Between those times he will be leading workshops with the children. We will be sending out further information in the new year.

Staffing

Due to positive changes in her family circumstances, Mrs Larkins is leaving us to take up a part time position at Southend Infants School. We thank her for her time and dedication in working with

the staff, children and families over the past seven years and for being the friendly face of the school. We will miss her when we have to say goodbye and farewell on Friday 12th January.

We are looking to appoint a suitable replacement as soon as possible so we have placed an advert on the Teach Northants website www.teachnorthamptonshire.com and further details are available on our school website. If you would like to find out more about the position please speak to Mrs Wendy Austyn, our new school business manager, and arrange to come into school on one of the set visit times.

We will also be advertising for an additional Teaching Assistant to work afternoons from 12:30pm to 3:15pm working one to one with a child at lunchtime and in the Early Years classroom.

Parent Voice

The rescheduled Parent Voice meeting is on Tuesday 9th January at school from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

I would like to wish all our families a very happy Christmas and hope you enjoy the holiday time together.

School reopens for the children on Thursday 4th January.

Yours sincerely



Julia Alison
Headteacher

