



PANSHANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

5th December 2018

Affinity Water

Last week Affinity Water Company led an informative and exciting assembly sharing with the children their message of not wasting water. The assembly was very interactive with the children especially enjoying the dry ice! Everyone was given a leaflet containing a few tips as to how to save water, there is a website address on the back which allows access to free resources that the children may enjoy.

Basketball Wow Day

The children met Guinness world record holder Peter Sturgess, he is the tallest basketball player in the world and played with the Harlem Globetrotters for many years, based in America. The children's faces as he bent down to come into the hall were a picture – he is 7ft 7inches tall. As well as sharing his basketball skills he spoke to the children about being different and celebrating and indeed embracing those differences. It was very inspirational for everyone.

PTA

A very busy last couple of weeks for PTA fund raising. As usual a huge thank you to everyone involved – all the money raised goes towards buying resources for the children.

Over the last two weeks the PTA have hosted two very successful Christmas wreath making evenings. Many thanks to everyone for making these such enjoyable events and especially to Mrs Devine for the 'tutoring' and help during the evenings. These look to have raised in the region of £400.

We also drew our Christmas Advent raffle during the last school assembly in November – this was very successful and made a profit of approx. £200.

Our latest film night 'Elf' raised £300 and seemed to be very effective, possibly allowing parents a little more much needed time for shopping!

The children should have brought home their cards, wrapping paper, fridge magnets etc. all manufactured from their original Christmas artwork. These were slightly delayed by the company, as the ordering date was extended, hopefully everyone has the correct order and will have time to sort the items if they are being used as gifts!

Christmas plays

The Christmas play tickets have gone home with the children, any queries, please come in to the office to see Mrs Edgell. As we have moved to more performances for each production we possibly have a few spare tickets, please ask if you would like any – these will be given out on a 'first come, first served basis'.

There will be a collection at the end of each performance – the charity will be chosen by the School Council.

Please remember that all the children have worked very hard learning their lines / songs and dances and that younger children, who have not been allocated seats, in the audience can be very distracting both for the children on the stage and for other members of the audience. If any parents are able to help run a crèche for the afternoon performances please come to the office to see Mrs Edgell or Mrs Brenchley, unfortunately if no one comes forward to help there will be no crèche facility offered as we have no staff available to help.

2019 School journey for years 5 and 6

Final preparations are being made for next year's residential trip to Derbyshire. Thank you to all the parents who have indicated that their child would like to attend – with this information we can now work out the final costings. A full itinerary and payment book will be issued before the end of this term, this item can also be paid for using the online system (either through instalments or a one off payment.)

50th Anniversary

On 9th January 1969, Panshanger Primary School was opened with a Nursery class added in 1997. It initially had 139 pupils and the first Head Teacher was Mr David Thomas. Over the last 50 years we have grown and gone from strength to strength gaining an excellent Ofsted report in November 2017. We are going to celebrate the 50 years in a variety of ways throughout 2019, the first event will be an invitation to ex staff of the school to come to see us on Wednesday 9th January 2019 when each class will share information and a song and dance from each of the decades. On Tuesday 26th March we have hired the Hawthorne theatre and will be sharing more songs / dance etc. with parents. It will be an exciting year! More information will be given about this event closer to the time.

Pantomime visit on Wednesday 19th December to see 'Aladdin'

The PTA have once again kindly offered to pay for all the children to go and see the pantomime at Hawthorne theatre again this year. The visit will take place on Wednesday 19th December in the afternoon. A letter explaining further details regarding collecting the children from the campus roundabout will be sent home this week, please look out for it and return the attached slip to the office by Wednesday 12th December.

Menu Change- Wednesday 19th December

There will be a menu change for Wednesday 19th December due to the Christmas Lunch being on Thursday 20th December. The choices will be :-

Red - Burger in a bun

Green - Cheese pinwheels

Yellow - Chicken Baguette

Please make sure your child knows about the change and knows what choice they would want on the Wednesday 19th December, thank you.