

SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Newsletter - Issue 7

Mrs Allies and I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all of your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all in January 2020.
Helen Morris

Site Security

Ensuring the site is secure is a key priority for the school to ensure all of the children and staff are safe during the school day. Over the Christmas period, new locks will be fitted on the side entrance gates. These gates will only be able to be opened by Key and will be closed at 9am. Currently, adults are able to open these gates but moving forward only staff will be able to open and close these gates using a key. The staff kindly request therefore that once you have dropped your child off at their classroom door you leave the site as quickly as possible. Children arriving after 9am will need to go to the school office entrance to gain access to the building.

Back Packs

As a school we have noticed an increase in 'large' back packs coming in to school with children. We would like to request that backpacks are not brought in to school and that children use draw string bags to hold their P.E kits as these are easier to store in the cloakrooms. We are finding that the large amount of backpacks are preventing children from hanging things on the pegs in the cloakrooms causing the floors to be covered in coats and bags. We don't want anyone to trip and hurt themselves.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was great to see all the children in their very festive Christmas Jumpers last Friday! As a school we have raised a total of £66.00 for the Save the Children Charity. A big thank you to everyone who kindly donated.

FSS Christmas Fair

What an amazing Christmas Fair! A very big thank you to the Friends of Sopley Team, staff and parents who helped organise, set up and make the Fair a great success. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying all the fun and games of the fair and joining in with lots of Christmas spirit.

Thank you to those who came along and supported the event, with your help and support the FSS have be able to raise a staggering £700.00! This money will go towards providing learning resources to enhance the childrens education.

School Website

Our School Website is available online and via the School News mobile app. Please visit our website and keep up to date with all the latest news and events at Sopley Primary School. There is also the Learning page for the children to be able to view the optional home learning information if they wish to do so.

Catering Stars Recognitions 2019

We would like to congratulate our wonderful School Cook Mrs Mechelle Harris for winning a HC3S Catering Stars Recognition Award.

Mechelle was nominated by Amanda Whatley, Business Development Manager. Mechelle runs a very successful after school cookery club and has been an active member of the Facebook cookery club research group over the past term, answering every question in depth and produced ideas on how to improve the service we offer schools. Of her own accord, she felt it important to teach children basic knife skills and health and safety as part of the overall cooking experience which HC3S can draw on to form a more cohesive approach for all clubs going forward.

DATES for the Diary

Friday 20th December - **INSET DAY** (school closed)

Monday 6th January 2020 – **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Thursday 9th January – Mini Chefs after school club starts (fully booked)

Friday 10th January – Mill on The Brue Residential Trip Meeting (Yr 4 & 5)

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February – **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Helen Morris and Nanette Allies