

# NEWSPLETTER



SKETCHLEY HILL MENPHYS NURSERY

DECEMBER 2016

Welcome to the December Newsletter. This term always flies by and before we know it we are finishing for Christmas. There are lots of lovely activities for you and your child to enjoy over the next few weeks and we hope that you will be able to join us, where possible. All events are detailed below and will have been shared with you via Parentmail or your child's Book bag—please remember to regularly check both!

We have recently had some new children join us in Nursery and we look forward to getting to know them and their families in the coming weeks. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns, the staff are always willing to help. You can contact the Nursery via your child's Home-School Link Book or by telephone on 01455 890684.

## DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

Saturday 3rd December: Festive Bingo at the Nursery — 2.30pm—5pm, tickets still available. £3 adults, £1 children.



Tuesday 13th December: Christmas Dinner — open to those children in on the day. £2.05 per dinner. Please contact Nursery if you are interested.

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December : Christmas Family Events, parents already invited to appropriate day. Wonderful afternoon for all, plus Santa will be visiting!



Friday 16th December: Last day off term.

## THE MENPHYS BAKE OFF

Staff will be holding their very own 'Christmas Bake Off' in the Nursery on Wednesday 14th of December. The cakes will then be sold at the Christmas Family Events, we hope you enjoy their efforts!



A big Happy Birthday to those children celebrating their birthdays in December. We hope you have a lovely day!!

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I am delighted to inform you that following a rigorous interview process, we have appointed Laura Jeffs to the position of permanent Executive Head Teacher for the Menphys Nursery Schools.

Laura joined Sketchley Hill Menphys Nursery School as a Senior Teacher in April 2004, and has been capably fulfilling the role of Executive Head Teacher on a temporary basis since September 2015.

We believe that Laura will continue to develop the outstanding work at both Nursery Schools, and myself and the governing body look forward to continuing to work with her to benefit our pupils.

Paula Roan, Chair of Governors.



## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The Governing Body for the Menphys Nursery Schools currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The Governing Body is really friendly and is made up of staff, ex parents, Menphys trustees and some very willing volunteers from the local community.



The Governing Body meets 5 times a year, twice in the Autumn Term, twice in the Spring term and once in the Summer Term. The meetings are held at either the Burbage or Wigston Nurseries.

The usual term of office for a governor is 4 years, but you may do a shorter time if you wish. The Governing Body would hope that the new Parent Governor would be willing to join one of their sub-committees and would also need to be willing to undertake some training, to support them in their role. It is very satisfying to be able to support the Nursery and we hope you will give the vacancy some serious consideration. The vacancy will be formally advertised in January but if you are interested and would like additional information please speak to Laura Jeffs or Beverley Brown (in the Office), they will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT AND FESTIVE BINGO

Thanks to the Friends Of Menphys for organising the Annual Quiz Night. A fun time was had by all and those that had the award-winning Fish and Chips were apparently the 'best ever'! The evening is always a huge success and this year raised £475, which is the most it has ever raised! The Festive Bingo was also a great afternoon and lots of fun was had by all those who supported the event.



## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK



We would like to wish Axel and Alfie lots of luck as they move on from the Nursery. We will all miss you, please keep in touch.

## AND FINALLY

The Nursery closes for the Christmas break on Friday 16th of December. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. The Nursery opens again on Thursday 5th of January at 9.15am

