



Hockley Heath Academy Newsletter

Date: December 2016

Dear Parents

Thank you for all your support this term and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2017.

Thank you to all of you who gave up your time in completing the Parent Questionnaire. We are collating the results and will publish them once they are finalised.

Mrs R. Gabriel
PRINCIPAL

Well done to Kyle Bartlett



Kyle entered a competition last few weeks ago in gymnastics. The competition was the Men's West Midlands Regionals and we are proud to announce that Kyle scooped **GOLD!!**

Speed reduction with year 6

Year 6 children had a successful morning on 17th October, pulling over speeding drivers in Hockley Heath and giving them an option of a ticket or a telling off from a child!

This is the second time we have supported the Rural Neighbourhood Police Team with this initiative. We are very proud of our next generation as they effectively targeted local community concerns.

New Head boy and ambassadors

I am really excited about announcing that we have 'appointed' a Head Boy and Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Girl and also 6 school Ambassadors. The children are in year 6 and have worked hard to express their view and ideas in improving our school. They also promote our school internally, and in the wider community and share all we provide in school with any visitors. They have currently been working on a Pupil Questionnaire which will allow all of our children to express our strengths and any ideas for improvement.

Planting bulbs in the park

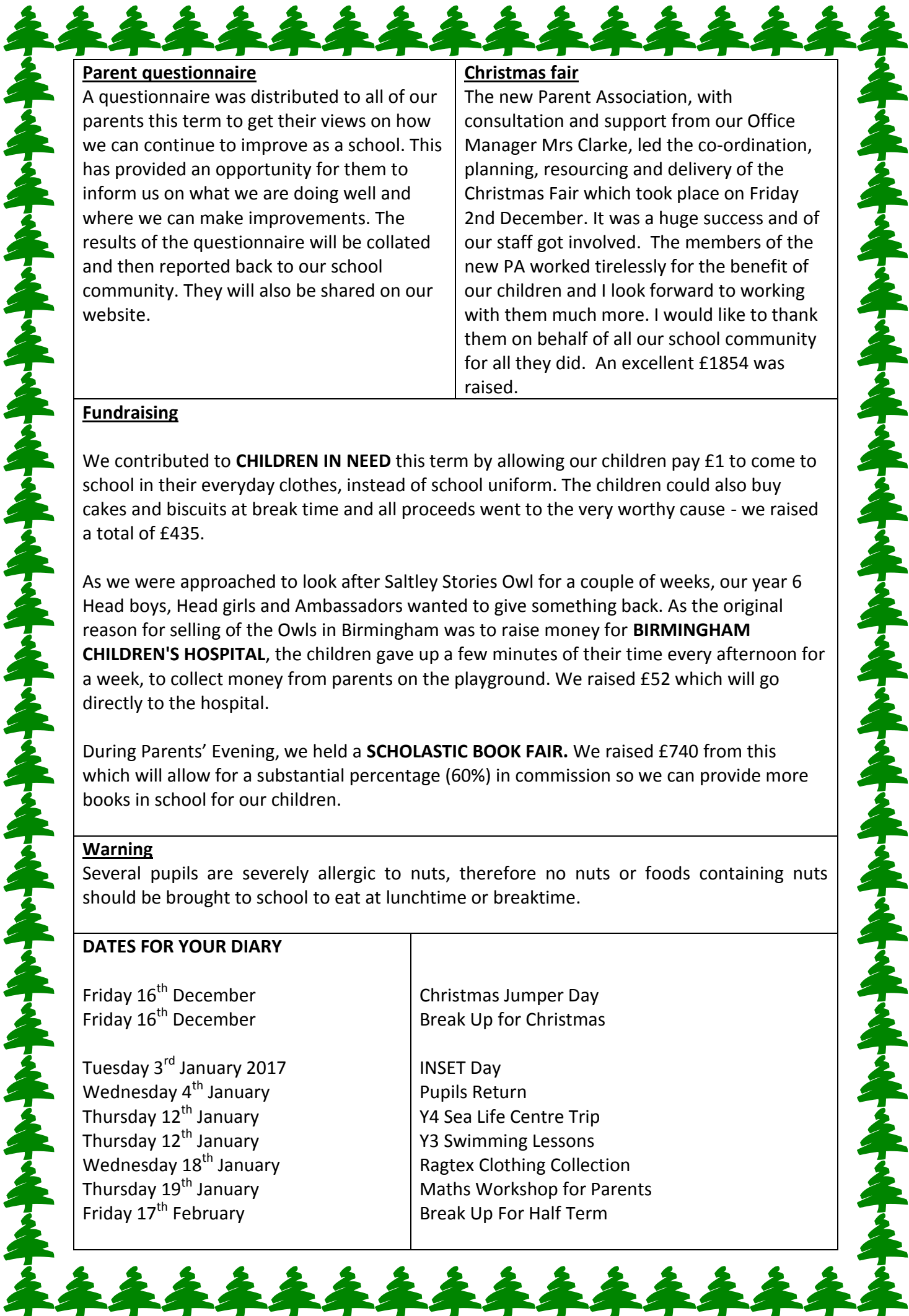
Our year 3 children and School Council supported our **Parish Council** in improving the appearance of Hockley Heath Village. They went along to the park with Mrs Lines, and planted bulbs with some of our local residents. The feedback we received was that our children were a credit to our school.

Parent Evening

Our Autumn term Parent Consultation Evenings took place on Thursday 13th and Tuesday 18th October. To ensure no child was disadvantaged, any parents who did not attend the allocated days were contacted to ensure they were seen. Mrs Gray made herself available on both evenings for parents who wanted to discuss any SEN issues or provision.

New parent association

I am delighted to announce the launch of a new Hockley Heath Academy Parent Association. I have been keen to drive this forward at our school for some time as parental involvement, support and contribution is something I value greatly.



Parent questionnaire

A questionnaire was distributed to all of our parents this term to get their views on how we can continue to improve as a school. This has provided an opportunity for them to inform us on what we are doing well and where we can make improvements. The results of the questionnaire will be collated and then reported back to our school community. They will also be shared on our website.

Christmas fair

The new Parent Association, with consultation and support from our Office Manager Mrs Clarke, led the co-ordination, planning, resourcing and delivery of the Christmas Fair which took place on Friday 2nd December. It was a huge success and of our staff got involved. The members of the new PA worked tirelessly for the benefit of our children and I look forward to working with them much more. I would like to thank them on behalf of all our school community for all they did. An excellent £1854 was raised.

Fundraising

We contributed to **CHILDREN IN NEED** this term by allowing our children pay £1 to come to school in their everyday clothes, instead of school uniform. The children could also buy cakes and biscuits at break time and all proceeds went to the very worthy cause - we raised a total of £435.

As we were approached to look after Saltley Stories Owl for a couple of weeks, our year 6 Head boys, Head girls and Ambassadors wanted to give something back. As the original reason for selling of the Owls in Birmingham was to raise money for **BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**, the children gave up a few minutes of their time every afternoon for a week, to collect money from parents on the playground. We raised £52 which will go directly to the hospital.

During Parents' Evening, we held a **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**. We raised £740 from this which will allow for a substantial percentage (60%) in commission so we can provide more books in school for our children.

Warning

Several pupils are severely allergic to nuts, therefore no nuts or foods containing nuts should be brought to school to eat at lunchtime or breaktime.

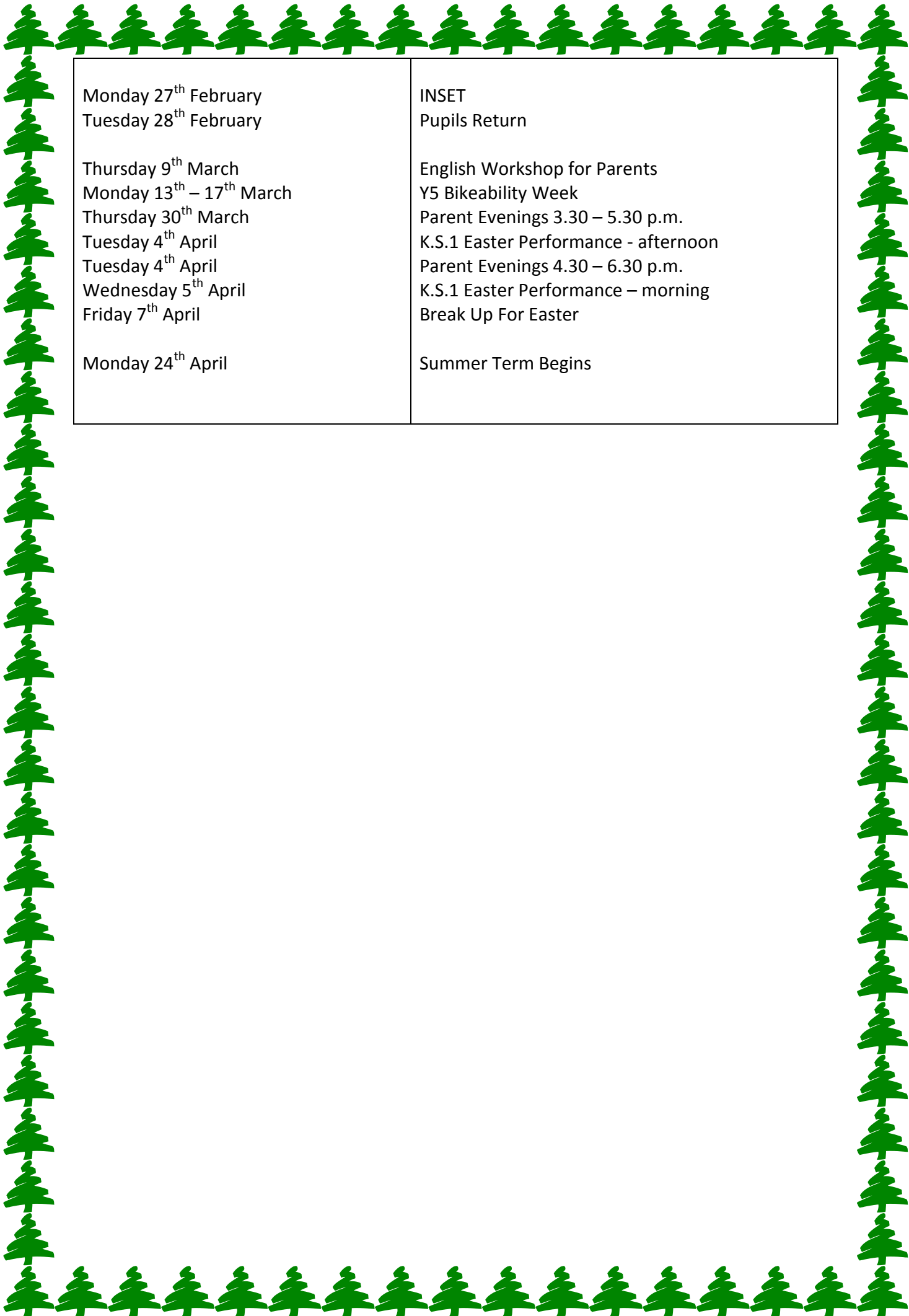
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 16th December
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Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Wednesday 4th January
Thursday 12th January
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Wednesday 18th January
Thursday 19th January
Friday 17th February

Christmas Jumper Day
Break Up for Christmas

INSET Day
Pupils Return
Y4 Sea Life Centre Trip
Y3 Swimming Lessons
Ragtex Clothing Collection
Maths Workshop for Parents
Break Up For Half Term



Monday 27th February
Tuesday 28th February

INSET
Pupils Return

Thursday 9th March
Monday 13th – 17th March
Thursday 30th March
Tuesday 4th April
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Wednesday 5th April
Friday 7th April

English Workshop for Parents
Y5 Bikeability Week
Parent Evenings 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.
K.S.1 Easter Performance - afternoon
Parent Evenings 4.30 – 6.30 p.m.
K.S.1 Easter Performance – morning
Break Up For Easter

Monday 24th April

Summer Term Begins