

**18.12.2019**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of everyone at Three Spires, may I wish you all a wonderful **Christmas Break** and a **Happy New Year!**

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Christmas Performances this week! A big thank you to all the staff that helped produce such a wonderful event; the children were amazing, and they should be very proud of their achievements.

Following this update, you will find a letter from the PTA of Three Spires – Dawn, Hannah and Claire. I would like to thank them for their time and effort in helping to provide those extras that make such a difference to the children. I would positively encourage you to consider joining the PTA and be part of something that it is very special!

This term has simply flown by. As you know, we have implemented significant changes over the past few weeks including a new curriculum, improved assessment tools and a significant investment into our communication resources. We are now seeing the benefits of these changes and we are incredibly encouraged by the progress we are seeing the children make. We will continue to invest into the school infrastructure and focus on other key priorities which you can see published on our school website from January.

To update you of the changes, along with any questions that you may have, I would like to invite you to a school coffee morning to be held on **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9.30am – 11.00am**. If you would like to attend, please confirm by email to [threespires@rnib.org.uk](mailto:threespires@rnib.org.uk) or alternatively leave a message with reception.

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I am delighted to announce that Chris Neild, John Darch and Sean Byrne will be continuing as local governors for Three Spires. From January, they have agreed to Chair three new committees – Pupil Welfare, Finance & Personnel and Quality of Education. These committees will report into a newly formed Local Advisory Board; this will continue to be overseen by the Specialist Learning Trust (continued to be Chaired by Carl Underhill). All of the above are volunteers who kindly give up their time to provide robust governance and support. On behalf of everyone at Three Spires, I would like to thank them for their continued commitment and enthusiasm in driving improvement at Three Spires.

Following the recent letter from Nick Apetroaie, I wanted to provide you with further details on the proposed transfer of sponsorship of Three Spires from RNIB to Thrive Educational Partnership. The proposed transfer is progressing well, and I hope to provide a more in-depth update in January. We hope that the merger will be completed in April 2020.

I continue to feel both proud and privileged in leading Three Spires into an exciting new era. Your support has been invaluable, and I look forward to seeing many of you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Very best wishes,



## Friends of Three Spires - PTA Christmas Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a lovely Winter Break. We wanted to provide you with a brief update on the PTA this term which has been limited due to a loss of committee members and ill health.

### Mini bus

Some of you may have seen the new mini bus in the car park - this was secured and paid for by the PTA; it was purchased in September to replace the school original bus that became too unreliable and I'm sure you agree, is a fantastic addition to the school!



We were lucky enough to have secured an excellent mini bus from a company in Milton Keynes; the owner also made a huge donation to our cause and we are incredibly thankful for this gesture. The rest of the funds were raised over via a GoFund me page (£1400), a donation from Siemens, Warwick (£450) and the remainder from our SVR train raffle in August. Also, a big thank you to John Darch (one of our community governors) for his assistance with this lead. The mini bus branding and sign writing cost was also donated by the bus company owner which was a wonderfully generous gesture and we think it looks amazing!

The pupils and staff love the new bus and it has made a HUGE difference to school life and accessing our local community.

We plan to invite the people that made this possible to school in the new year for a thank you visit.

We are most proud that we could help the school in this way. It involves a lot of hard work, but it is so worth it! Our aim next year is to replace the second mini-bus - but we cannot do it on our own.

The PTA currently consists of 3 parents; any help that you can give is most welcome; even if it's an idea or an hour of your time in the school day. We are all parents and understand the call on your time - most activities are always in school hours. It's amazing what we can do together as you can see from our newsletters over the 2 years we have been running. Imagine what we can achieve together?!

If you would like to consider joining or share ideas, then please contact Dawn on 07801 570599. Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 1.30pm in school.

### **Bag pack**

On the morning of the 12th December the PTA and 2 parents along with 14 excited pupils held a bag pack at the Morrison's supermarket on the Holyhead Road.

The pupils had a wonderful time meeting customers and showed excellent bag packing skills which I hope they take home with them as well as the festive hats that the PTA donated as a thank you for their help.

We thank the staff and Colin for help with this trip and the Morrison's staff and customers. We raised an amazing £203.56!

### **PTA funding this term**

£170 was donated to the staff to assist with costs of a Christmas gift/trip for every pupil in school.

Wishing you and your family a very peaceful Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

PTA Team

*Dawn, Hannah and Claire.*