

Dear Parents,

December 2016

Parent Forums – Mon 12th December

Our second set of Parent Forums will take place on Monday, 12th December at 1pm and again at 6pm. The primary focus will be on issues related to **spelling**, but it will also be an opportunity for us to discuss pupil coaching and the related pro forma.

Please let the office know if you will be attending so that we have an idea of numbers (email: office@ladyj.kent.sch.uk). However, do feel free to turn up unannounced! We will be running the sessions jointly with Laura Whitewood, our Literacy Leader and I am sure that you will find them thought-provoking and that they will help you to help your child navigate the vagaries of the English language!

Friends

A huge thank you to the Friends' Association for their superb efforts before, during and after the Christmas Bazaar. We raised an amazing £3,385.44. Not everybody is aware of all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make such a wonderful afternoon happen.

There are still some lovely Friends' events to go this term:

Pick a Present – Monday, 12th December morning remember to send your child with a 'gift' and £1 for shopping

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday, 16th December – wear your jumper and non-school uniform donations to Save the Children.

Christmas Disco - Friday 16th December at 6pm. Friends are desperate for help for this event. A prior engagement means that many of the 'old faithfuls' are not available on this evening. ***If we do not have enough volunteers by Monday 12th December, the disco will have to be cancelled.***

Santa's Visit - Tuesday 20th December.

Friends' Meetings for 2017

Monday 9th January – The Tickled Trout, 8pm

Monday 6th February – The Conningbrook, 8pm

Monday 6th March – The Tickled Trout, 8pm

Monday 8th May – The Conningbrook, 8pm

Monday 5th June – The Tickled Trout, 8pm

Monday 3rd July – The Conningbrook, 8pm

Staffing

It is with great sadness that I am writing to tell you that Jo Rall, our Business Manager, will be leaving the school in February. Jo has been an amazing servant of the school and I know that we will all miss her cheery smile and her encyclopaedic knowledge of Lady J and the village.

Jo has very kindly agreed to wait until the end of term three before she stands down in order to help us find a worthy successor and impart to us the 1001 things that she is an expert in and that the rest of us have to constantly ask her about!

We wish Jo all the best for the future – I'm certain that we will have not seen the last of her at the school.

Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 20th December

We are assuming that all the children are having a dinner that day. Please let the office know if your child **WILL NOT** be having a dinner on that day by either sending an email to office@ladyj.kent.sch.uk or a note to the school office by Wednesday, 14th December.

Remember to make sure that your child's Squid account is up to date!

Nativity – Wed 14th & Thurs 15th

Both performances have sold out quicker than an Adele concert!!! Remember to bring donations for our nominated charity which this year is UNICEF.

Dates

Wednesday, 21 st December	LAST DAY OF TERM
Tuesday, 3 rd January 2017	FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM
2pm Thursday, 5 th January 2017	Junior Carol Service at Wye Parish Church

Yours sincerely,

Phil Chantler