



Providenciales Primary School

School Newsletter

January 2017



Happy New Year and welcome back to our Provo Primary Spring Term. We welcome all of the new families to the school and look forward to getting to know them, along with greeting some returning families who have been away and are now here with us again.

Looking back and now ahead to another eventful Term

We are excited to review some successes, from the end of last term, to share news of recent developments and to let you know more about the events and activities coming up. There is a lot of information to digest as you read through this newsletter, much of which will be displayed in shorter chunks on our blog if you prefer accessing it in this way. Either way, be sure to keep an eye on your child's class noticeboard, along with posters displayed in the walkways, to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest news and know what is coming up, week by week.

A Panto Like No Other and Busy, Busy Bethlehem - Amazing!

Every year, our school Christmas Shows are much enjoyed spectacular events and this year was no exception.

Whilst putting on the play requires huge amounts of effort from lots of people across the school community, what the children gain from the experience cannot be underestimated. The children learn about the positive



power of working together as a community; their self-esteem grows and their confidence builds. Some

may even find new interests in drama and dance, set and costume design, or even light and sound engineering. The play represents a huge achievement for the entire school community so thank you to all of those who gave up their time to help. I hope you agree that it was a roaring success.

Jingle Jam was a Jolly Jive!

Our parent/community run Jingle Jam was once again a wonderful festive evening for our younger students and their families and friends.

A huge well done to Kate and her team for putting it altogether. Kate passes on... 'We had a lot of hands on deck to make it all work but I'd like to say thanks especially to Rori (teen daughter of Tara) who manned the door all night selling tickets for us, she was a fabulous help. A big thanks to all the mums and dads who helped with decorating and with tending the bar, they always do such a great job and for all the delicious baked donations. A big shout-out to

Lauren for all the mince pies from her chefs at the Palms!

Also thanks to Agile for donating his time and skills in taking all the lovely Santa Photos, to Duggie for always being 'our friendly north pole visitor' so willingly and with such care for the very little ones. Also to Olivia for running the Craft Table for the second year running - it's hard work making sure no one glues their hands together or swallows the sequins! And of course a big mention to DJ Dayoh for donating

his sound equipment and making us a rockingly festive playlist that both the kids and parents can enjoy.'

"I think it's fast becoming one of the more popular Christmas events It's always my favourite!" Kate

This festive bonanza is not only a fun and popular event, it also generated a whopping \$1,101 to go towards teaching and learning equipment for our

Early Years Unit. Thank you, everyone. Miss Claire and the teachers will be excited to enhance our resources. Do let them know if you have any thoughts on what you feel would be a potential focus.

Santa Arrives in a Blaze of Lights and Sirens!

Our final event at the end of last term was our much loved visit from Santa. Greeting Santa arriving on the fire truck has been a Provo Primary tradition for what we think could be as long as 13 years. And it is still very much loved by all of today's



students, just as it has been for every year gone by.

We would like to pass on a HUGE thank you to the Turks and Caicos Fire Service for helping out over the years. The children made a lovely thank you card and a PTA donation

was made to the Fire Service.

A big thank you to PTA Santa helpers and yearbook photographers who kept the morning running smoothly for Santa. Also to our Year 1 PTA parents who donated coffee and treats for the parents and friends to purchase during the morning and to our PTA for providing a Turkberry treat for each of our students.

Term 2 School News and Events

Field Shading Repairs

Following some wind damage, our field shade needed repairs and design improvements and needed to be taken down. We hope to have these re-installed early February.

Reports and Parent Consultation Meetings

At the end of next week, school reports go out to all parents of children in Kindergarten to Year 6. These aim to provide information about where children are in their learning, social and behavioural development. Your child's report will highlight their many strengths and celebrate areas of enjoyment. It also communicates where further support, reinforcement or extension would be of benefit.

In these January reports, teachers will comment on how the children have resettled at the beginning of Term 2, reflect on progress in Term 1 since your Parent/Teacher Meeting last term and report on end of term 1 assessments in the core subject areas.

Optional Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings are offered for families or teachers wanting an opportunity to discuss these further. Please connect with your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time if you would like to have a meeting.

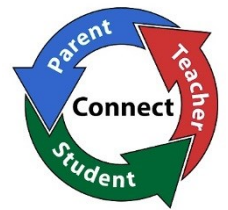
Early Years parents are more than welcome to arrange Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings as well, if they wish. Written reports are created at the end of the year for children in our Toddlers, Preschool and Junior Kindergarten classes.

Obligatory Kindergarten to Year 6 Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings are then held at the end of this second term.

Secret Angel Week (Monday 6th – Friday 10th February)

Look out for happy, happy teachers this week. Secret Angel week is a special time where all of our staff gets to experience a little love and appreciation. This will be the fourth year that we have enjoyed having a 'Secret Angel' event. A bit like a 'Secret Santa', we each are assigned someone to shower with surprises over the week. Last year some of our older class joined in with a 'Secret Angel Day' so look out to see if your class will be joining in this year.

We encourage you to introduce 'Love Week' to your workplace... there's still time to get it going for this year – we introduced it the first year with just a single day. We know you'll *love* it and enjoy seeing how its happy effect spreads to each and every one of your team. Let us know if you are planning to join in the fun.



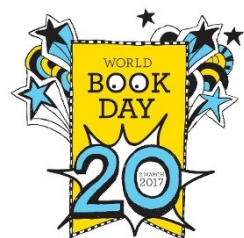
Safer Internet Day 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet' (Tuesday 7th February)

Safer Internet Day is organised in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially amongst children and young people across the world. The children will be involved in a variety of class and mixed-class activities and will create information posters for parents to see how they have become more aware of positive and negative aspects of Internet technology and device use. Look out for these around the school on Tuesday 7th.



Storytelling Evening (Thursday 2nd March)

World Book Day, the annual celebration of books and reading for children and young people, celebrates its 20th anniversary on Thursday 2 March 2017. Following a day of reading activities at school, which we hope includes a visit from some BWIC students, we are excited to be hosting 'A Storytelling Evening' from 5:15-6:00pm. David Bowen has kindly offered to start the evening off by sharing a folktale on the stage. After this, teachers/parents will be reading stories in the classrooms and around the school. Let your child's teacher know if you would like to read a story. The children are encouraged to come dressed in their PJs and to bring along their favourite night time, cuddly toy companion and comfy pillow. The PTA has offered to provide cookies and milk to add to the evening's bedtime story time atmosphere.



Here at Provo Primary, World Book Day also plans to be the launch day to our '**Non-Fiction Library Update' school fundraiser 2017**. The core of our current non-fiction library books were fundraised for over 10 years ago. As we continue to work towards a better understanding of a global world and multicultural sensitivity, with new advancements in scientific knowledge and historical perspective, our goal is to ensure that our library continues to provide up-to-date topics and reflects correct and credible information. In today's world, there is an argument that information is readily available on the Internet, but finding information at the appropriate level for young children to access is not always easy in comparison to a respected published children's book. There is also the fact that media formats do not replace the 'love of books'— of holding a book, turning its pages, looking at its pictures and sharing it with others. Mr. Toby will be spearheading our fundraiser so look out for more details from him nearer the date.

Theme Week 2017 (Mon 6th - Fri 10th March)

Each year, we participate in our National Education Week celebrations by hosting our own Theme Week. Centred around a chosen topic, we come together as a school, learning and exploring this through a variety of fun and creative activities. Some of these activities take place within individual classes, others through mixed age groupings, some as a whole school. Look out for more details on our themes and 'Showcase - Open House' events later in the term.

Fortis Science Fair and Quiz (Wed 8th & Thurs 9th March)

The National Fortis Science Fair and Quiz are events where the country's young creative minds gather to showcase their work and knowledge in the Sciences and Engineering. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Jason will be leading our participation in both events this year.



Promoting Health and Fitness - Let's Get Physical

Keeping Healthy Week

Each term, we incorporate a 'Keeping Healthy Week' into our calendar of events. During the week 3rd—7th April, we will be promoting healthy lifestyles through a variety of school activities.

KS2 P.E. Showcases

Throughout this term, KS2 students are learning about cricket, volleyball and handball. We invite you to come and learn more about the development of their handball skills at two showcase events at the Graceway Sports:

- ⇒ Years 5/6 on Thursday 23rd February;
- ⇒ Years 3/4 on Thursday 6th April.



Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day

Over the term, our Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Yr. 1-2), students are preparing for their Sports Days. These will take place during 'Keeping Healthy Week' on Wednesday 5th April.

Inter-School Competitions

After fantastic participation in TCIRFU Tag-Rugby tournament last term, we are eagerly awaiting confirmation of this year's Inter-school Soccer Tournament. Our new PTA funded shading is a really bonus during these off-site events where shading is often limited. Thank you, PTA!

School Council News

Whenever possible, we allow our children to participate in discussions and be involved in the school's decision-making processes, in order to give them the opportunity to make real choices and understand consequences. Their views are listened to and acted upon where appropriate. Our School Council was set up in 2008 and has achieved much in its first 9 years for our school, and our local and wider community.

There are two School Council representatives for each class. They are elected by children in the class to go to School Council meetings and take part in discussions. They let the class know what was discussed at meetings. They also take the views of classmates to the School Council. They are then involved in leading global, community and school projects that the School Council runs.

Read about our School Council achievements on [our School Council Blog](#)

Last term the School Council were busy as beavers. To name a few of their achievements, they organised a number of playtime and lunchtime schedules, completed a British Red Cross First Aid Course and encouraged fundraising activities for hurricane relief to Haiti, wild animal adoption and book donations for a local school.

Look out on the [School Blog](#) for news on the projects planned for School Council's this term

Dress Down Day Friday 27th January is a 'Twin' Theme.



Up-coming PTA News

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting yesterday (minutes will be available soon). The first term enjoyed a successful mix of fun events, fundraising activities and charity donations. Equally, there are number of exciting up-coming PTA events planned to look forward to this term:

Yard Sale

(Saturday 28th January)

Valentine's Bake Sale

(Friday 10th February)

Baked donations from all families are welcome.



Family Skate Night!

(Friday 10th February - 6-8pm)

Don't miss the PTA's 7th Annual Family Skate Night at the Graceway Sports Centre.

Get your skates on and come dance, skate to great music, enjoy fresh baked goodies or just socialise with a drink on the bleachers!

Tickets are \$10 for skaters, \$5 for non-skaters, children under 3 free; All children need to be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Skaters under 18 must wear a helmet.

Volunteers are needed to help run the door and the refreshment stand.



Movie Night

(Friday 24th February) *Volunteers needed.*

National Teacher Appreciation Day

(Friday 10th March)

Family Beach Day

(Sunday 12th March - 3pm-6pm)

Hunting for Eggs

Our last day of term (Friday, 7th April) promises to be an 'egg-citing' fun-filled morning of traditional activities.

We will start the day with our Early Years' Spring Bonnet Parade followed by our PTA Egg Hunt. We are so egg-static, we can hardly wait!

Please see Lisa Lopez if you are able to help with organising and running this the egg hunt.



School Annual Fundraiser Next Term

In celebration of the school's 25th anniversary, this year's event, held in May, will be organised together by the PTA and School.

Please let us know if you would like to be part of the organising committee (meeting Tues 7th March at 5pm). **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Communicating with the school

Thank you for taking the time to read through this bumper edition of the School Newsletter. A positive relationship between the school and our parent body is of paramount importance to us. We constantly thrive to communicate with you as effectively as possible. Class teachers, the Senior Leadership Team (EYFS Miss Claire and KS1/2 Miss Cara) and myself are always available should you wish to discuss any matters relating to the school or your children. As always, financial queries are best directed to Mrs. Stef in the office.

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