

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3 DECEMBER 2009

Dear Parents

I'm writing with a few reminders for this term and to keep you updated on a number of things.

Mrs Mutton

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs Mutton has had a very successful convalescence to her illness. She appreciates greatly your continued prayers and good wishes and is looking forward to returning to teach her Year 4 class after Christmas.

Book Week

Once again we enjoyed a fabulous Book Week organised by Mrs Lawrence. The children had many activities which they took part in and enjoyed listening to two wonderful authors, Linda Newbery and Jack Trelawny.

I would like to thank you all for your support during our Book Week, your purchases at the book fair have provided us with £622 to spend on books for our library and the children all looked wonderful in their book character costumes on Friday.

A big thank you must also go to Mrs Lawrence for her meticulous planning of the week and her enthusiasm for all things 'book like' which enriches the learning environment for all our pupils.

Eco School

I am delighted to announce that we have now successfully achieved the Eco Schools' Silver Award. Thank you to Mrs Leigh, with her Nature Club, and Mrs McDonald who have driven the work towards this achievement. Our plan is now to go for the ultimate 'Green Flag' Eco status.

Operation Christmas Child

During the month of November we were collecting Christmas shoe boxes for the charity 'Samaritan's Purse'. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give 70 gift filled shoe boxes which will be delivered to children in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Parish Bazaar

Our Parish Bazaar is taking place this Saturday, 5th December in the school hall, from 12 noon until 4pm. This year the bazaar is being organised by Mr & Mrs Marchetti – there will be many stalls and refreshments, including a BBQ and mulled wine. Father Christmas is also making an appearance so children, have your lists ready! I hope that you will support this event in aid of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Christmas Term Dates

Just a reminder of events taking place in school before the end of term:-

Tues 8th December

9.30am – Nativity 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' (EYFS & Y2 Parents)

12 noon – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch

Wed 9th December

9.30am – Nativity 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' (Y1&Y1/2 Parents)

12 noon – KS2 Christmas Lunch

Thurs 10th December

2.00pm – School Choir singing at Saxon Court

Fri 11th December

12.30pm – School Choir singing At Moto

Tues 15th December

9.15am – Whole School Mass

Wed 16th December

1.30pm – KS2 Christmas Concert

Thurs 17th December

1.00pm – Christmas Parties

3.30 – 5.00pm – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Disco

5.15 – 6.45pm – KS2 Christmas Disco

Fri 18th December

Non Uniform Day

1.00pm – Break up for Christmas Holiday

The School Council have asked if everyone not wearing school uniform on the last day of term would donate 50p to 'Mission Together'. This is the Catholic Church's official mission charity

for children. Making a difference to children throughout the world, Mission Together encourages children worldwide to pray and share. Through this they become missionaries and put into action the Mission Together motto, "Children Helping Children". The money we raise here in school will go directly to poor communities in Africa, supporting both their physical and spiritual wellbeing.

Absence from School

May I remind parents that they must phone the school office if their child is going to be absent from school through sickness, medical appointments or any other reason. Please try to do this before 9.15am to enable their absence to be authorised in the Register.

As a Safeguarding Children issue – can all parents please remember that they must use the secure front entrance of the school if they wish to visit the office or a classroom during the school day. Access to the school is not permitted via any other entrances.

Attached to this Newsletter is a Questionnaire for children to complete and return to school by Friday, 11th December. I would really appreciate your support in encouraging your children to complete this questionnaire as it helps us to evaluate our school and move forward.

Can I again draw your attention to the fact that we will be breaking up for the Christmas Holidays at **1pm on Friday, 18th December**.

Kind regards,

P M Pickering
Headteacher

