

Newsletter No.8

12/12/07

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Cake Sale

Due to early finish, we have decided to cancel this until next term.

Busking

Thank you so much to all who braved the rain to sing in town. We raised £132.36 for CLIC.

Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair made £689.55 profit. Thanks for all your help.

Mufti Day for the Winning House

St George are the winning team this term! They may come to school on Thursday 13th in mufti as a reward for collecting the most house points over the term.

Training Days

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January are training days for staff. Please do not send the children to school until Monday 7th.

Phones4schools

Final date for phones will be 19th January. If Santa brings you a new mobile this Christmas, we would be grateful if you would donate any old ones to this company through the school not only do you get a free gift, the school benefits. Bags are available from the office. Thanks to all those who sent these in before ... We have raised a little over £500 for the school



Class Lists

Several parents have been in to ask for class lists for birthday invites or Christmas cards. Please do not think that we are being awkward, but in keeping with Data Protection, we are unable to give these out.

Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties for the children will be on Monday for the Infants and Tuesday for the Juniors. The infant children may come to school dressed in their party clothes (suitable for a school day), and the Junior children may bring some party clothes to change into on Tuesday.

Christmas Disco

Don't forget to purchase your disco tickets for Thursday. Infants 5-6pm, Juniors 6.15 - 7pm. Please send £2.50 in named envelope.

Church Service

On Friday 14th, the whole school will be putting on our Christmas Service at the Church at 2pm. All are welcome to join us for this event. If you wish to bring very small people, we would be grateful if you would remove them to the foyer if they start to 'sing and contribute' in the wrong places. OR come along to our dress rehearsal at 9.30am.

Money

Could you please ensure that all outstanding money is paid and up to date by the end of term. This includes music tuition, dinner money and camp deposits.

Leavers

Cathie O'Bray, Debbie Mills, & Yvonne Conroy will officially be leaving the team. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking them for their service and commitment to the school. We wish them all the best for the future

Last Day of Term (Hooray!)

School will close early at 2:00pm on Wednesday 19th December. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking the staff for all their hard work and dedication to the children over the year. Thank you for your ongoing support as parents and carers. We trust you have an exciting yet restful break together. We pray that God would bless you all as you celebrate his birth this year.

Have a Fantastic Christmas!

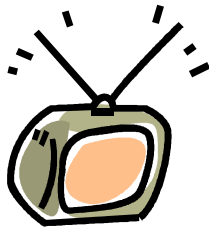
Head Teacher Awards :

Robin	Morgan, Shebin, Eliza
Dove	Melissa, Amber-Rose
Jay	Merry, Jinjin, Megan
Nightingale	Rohan, Freya, Ethan
Puffin	Joshua, Samreena, Tiarna
Stork	
Flamingo	Chloe, James
Eagle	
Kestrel	Alyx, Jack, Ellie, Adele
Osprey	Nathan, Debbie, Jade

What are the Kids Seeing?

King Canute was reputed to have had his throne carried to the beach where he sat and tried to command the tide to stop coming in. Needless to say the King was forced to retreat before the relentless tide. Like the moving tide, the edges of morality and what is acceptable are rapidly being redefined with devastating consequences. Like the infamous king we often find ourselves trying to stand our ground against all odds.

Videos, DVDs and computer games are marked with guides as to appropriate ages of the audience. These are provided to help you make informed and responsible choices as to what your children watch. A large proportion of our children have DVD, Video and computer equipment in their bedrooms where they are unsupervised or possibly share with older siblings. Please, Please, Please, ensure that you are aware of what your children are watching. It has come to my attention the many children are watching programmes, films and computer games that are completely unsuitable.



I have included some thought provoking statistics for you to ponder:

- Average time kids spend watching TV each day: 4 Hours
- Children spend more time watching television than in any other single activity except sleep.

- 54% of kids have a TV in their bedroom.
- 44% of kids say they watch something different when they're alone than with their parents
- 66% of children (ages 10 to 16) surveyed say that their peers are influenced by TV shows
- 62% say that sex on TV shows and movies influences kids to have sex when they are too young
- 65% say that shows like The Simpsons encourage kids to disrespect parents.
- Witnessing repeated violent acts can lead to desensitization and a lack of empathy for human suffering
- According to the American Psychiatric Association, "The debate is over... For the last three decades, the one predominant finding in research on the mass media is that exposure to media portrayals of violence increases aggressive behaviour in children."

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Andy Joy - Headteacher