



'Fearless Education'



Newsletter

10th December 2009

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have a real problem with arrangements for the carol concert. The response this year has been much greater than normal and we are significantly oversubscribed. I am therefore proposing an additional performance which I hope will help resolve the problem and still allow everyone to attend a performance. KS2 parents will be receiving an additional letter giving details. Undoubtedly we are going to have to think carefully about how we organise this event in the future. My sincerest apologies for any inconvenience that may be caused.

David Forrester

Uganda



This week we heard that the money we had raised had arrived in Kampala. We were shown a powerpoint of the school receiving the money Y5 and Y6 had raised. They are going to build a brick school with the money and they were all very happy and surprised. The money will also help to buy food, chalk, pens and pencils.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise the money - we changed it into dollars and it came to \$489, that's £307.

Holly Bainbridge and Luke Packer.

Our top attendance award this week goes to Robins - very appropriate for this time of the year!



They became little angels and stars for the occasion.

Who is going to be the Christmas Number 1?

Changes

Please note the changes we are making to the structure of the morning. Whilst there are no specific time changes that impact on you, it may well help that you know the time of breaks has changed, from 10.15-30am to 10.30-45am. I know that some of you arrange medical appointments around such things and this certainly helps in respect of the impact they have on a child's education. Assemblies will now take place at the beginning of the day on most occasions, from 9.15-9.30am. All of these changes will start with the new term on Tuesday 5th January. Have a great week.

Reminders

At this busy time of the year there is a lot for us to remember. Here are a few reminders and requests for help.

- Your child's Christmas party will take place during the afternoon of Thursday, 17th December. If you have not already done so, please call into the office with your donation of £1 to cover costs. Children are allowed to wear party clothes for the day but suitable footwear and outdoor clothes must also be worn.
- To assist in the administration, all school dinners required for next week will need to be booked and paid for in advance on Monday 14th December. Meals cost £1.60 each day.

- School ends at 3.10 pm on Friday, 18th December and restarts on Tuesday, 5th January, 2010 - 4th January is our fourth INSET day.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch was a roaring success again this year. Many thanks to Cathy and her team for a fantastic job. The children had great fun.



Nativity

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School came into school on Monday to perform their newest version of the Nativity to all of the children. It was a great experience and we would like to thank the PSA who paid for this event. This is what some Y4 children thought.

The donkey was best because he was a toy donkey that was funny. There was also a shopping trolley from Sainsburys which Mary was in and Joseph pushed it.

There was a sheep that was in a cot and the sheep stealer tried to pick up the sheep but it was too fat. There are really funny bits in it and fabulous singing voices.

Rebecca Moore and Laura Wallace

Acorn Allsorts

The school's very own After School Club "The Acorn Allsorts Club" has some places available Monday to Thursday 3.10 - 6pm. We are very fortunate to have our own Club Room in the Acorn Building and especially that most of the Club staff are our school teaching assistants so know the children well. Let your children relax, play activities and have fun in comfortable and safe surroundings. Snacks are available to keep the children going until tea. Fees are normally claimable against Working Tax credits and we accept childcare vouchers.

To find out more information speak to the school office or call the club phone 07932 248636 during club open hours.

Community News

St Thomas a Beckett

If you would like to join the choir just for the Christmas period, please ring our choir master, Omar Beg on 0117 937 3695 quickly. Children over the age of seven, teenagers and adults all welcome, no auditions, just the chance to sing lots of carols! Choir rehearsals are 7.00-8.00pm Friday evenings in Church)

Dec 20th 6.30pm Carol Service in Candlelight – Traditional 9 lessons and carols – all your favourite carols sung with gusto!

Dec 24th 4.00pm Christingle Service – Children's nativity play service with Christingles.

Please bring your Christingle (an orange, with red ribbon around the middle, with four cocktail sticks with fruit, nuts or sweets on and a candle inserted in the top) so that it can be lit during the service. It is a good idea to bring something to rest the orange on, like a piece of cut off toilet tube.

Dec 24th 11.15pm – Carols and midnight service – be there to welcome Jesus as He arrives after midnight in the early hours of Christmas day!

Dec 25th (Christmas Day): 10.00am morning service – See baby Jesus in the crib with Mary, Joseph and the shepherds and animals. Children are welcome to bring their favourite toy to the service. More carols and the Christmas story to start Christmas Day with the real Spirit of Christmas.

PSA News

Foneclub

Keep bringing in your old mobile phones to the office and remember to tell all your friends and family – especially as we approach Christmas, they may want to be ready to put their old phones aside when they receive nice new ones in their Christmas stockings.

Dates for 2010 – more details to follow

February – Quiz and curry night

March – Disco – this will be to specifically raise funds for new books and coincides with Book Week.

May – Summer Fete