

## Newsletter

26th November 2009

Dear Parents and Carers and Children,

Well done to the children in Y5/6 for organising activities to raise funds for children at the Ambrosoli School in Uganda. The importance of understanding more about the world around us, and demonstrating compassion through action for those in need is a central value of the school we are building here. It often comes home to us at this time of year due to the very strong messages of sharing and caring that relate to Christmas. We want to develop this and continue it throughout the year and Y5/6 have given us a great example of how we can do that.

I hope to see you at the PSA Christmas tree decorating on Tuesday which will be a great way to recognise advent and start the build up to the festive season. Have a great week.

David Forrester

### Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Children in Need day last Friday. It is amazing how many different varieties of yellow and spots you can get!!

We raised £145. Thank you for your generosity.



Would you buy a biscuit from these two?

### Parking

We have received a number of complaints about people parking across drives in Lansdown Road.

May I remind all parents to park carefully and considerately when dropping off and picking up children at school. The car park is for staff and visitors only. Please ensure you use the crossing patrol where necessary and do not walk across the car park.

### Poppy Appeal

This year we collected £80.50 for this wonderful appeal. Thank you.

### Christmas Dinner

*You should have received your letter regarding KS1 and KS2 Christmas dinner. Could we ask that you ensure your slips are returned by the deadline of Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November so that the correct amount of food can be ordered.*



Well done Falcons for being top of the attendance board this week.

### Uganda School Appeal

Thank you and well done to Year's 5 and 6 who raised money last week towards Ambrosoli School in Uganda. A grand total of £307 has been raised with the following events.

- Nightingales took part in a sponsored run and collected a massive £229.30. Well done. A special thank you to Cara West who collected £33.
- Laura Gowing and Adele Adams did a sponsored silence and raised £10.90.
- The penalty shoot-out raised £6.00.
- Woodpeckers class did a sterling job raising £36.70 from the cake sale.
- Kingfishers Class had great fun at the talent contest and raised £24.10.

Well done to everyone who helped with the organisation, those who joined in and especially to those who sponsored an activity.

### Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be out from Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please ensure that all cards have a child's full name and class on it.

# Community News

## Art Express

We are holding another **Make and Take** this year in the Scout hut. Children will have the opportunity to make good quality Christmas presents using all sorts of art and craft materials. Open to all primary ages.

The date - 28<sup>th</sup> November

The time - 9.30am – 12.00pm

The Venue - Pucklechurch Scout Hut.

The cost - £10 per child for materials, hire costs and expenses.

Parents could use this time for Christmas Shopping.

If you are interested then please contact Rachel Goodchild on 01173039190 and I will give you a booking form.

## St Thomas a Beckett

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Advent Carols – we look forward to welcoming Jesus as a baby at Christmas time and to His second arrival on earth, yet to come. Lots of traditional Advent carols and special items from choir.

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

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

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> (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.

## Revel Christmas Sparkle and sing-a-long

Come along and join us for the Revel Christmas Sparkle and Sing-a-Long on at the Millennium Stone, Pucklechurch on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm.

Father Christmas will be arriving.

Join us for mulled wine or squash and mince pies.

Bring a torch to see the carol sheets.

# PSA News

Foneclub - You should have received your letter this week giving details about the Foneclub re-cycling. The phones have already started arriving! Just leave them in the box which is in the foyer next to the school office. Don't worry if you don't have enough envelopes at the moment, just pop the phones in. Don't forget to tell all your family and friends.

## DONATIONS

We are in need of raffle prize donations for the forthcoming Christmas performances. If you are able to donate anything, please leave it with the office. Many thanks.