

## Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009

Dear Parents and Carers and Children,

I've just seen the performance of the Reception and Keystage 1 Nativity. It was an absolute pleasure to watch the children 'strutting their stuff'. The key is to do it with pleasure and they really did seem to be enjoying themselves. It's easy to forget that some of the children are still only four. Some of the songs were a real challenge and they were performed with great energy. Well done to the children and staff, as well as a big thankyou to the parents who came in to help and the PSA for organising raffles and refreshments. The season is upon us in school. Let's hope that it remains calm for you at home for a few weeks at least. The crucial message from the show? 'it's what you're like on the inside that matters'.

David Forrester

### Christmas Tree

Many thanks to Ashfield HMPYOI for their very kind



donation of our Christmas Tree this year. Special thanks to Darren Packer and Tom May for organising it. It looks fabulous, especially now

the children have decorated it all.

Many thanks also to the PSA who organised a wonderful evening for decorating the tree. It brought back many childhood memories of dressing the tree and putting up decorations, Perhaps the mulled wine might have helped a little with the nostalgia!



### BOVTS

A reminder that on Monday morning the children will be watching the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School students performing their touring Nativity. This is free to all children, having been funded by the PSA. A huge thankyou to the committee for supporting this opportunity.

Well done Woodpeckers. Top of the tree for attendance this 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.

- All guitar fee's for Spring term are now due for payment . Please send in your payment and slip by return.
- *You should have received your letter regarding tickets for the KS2 carol service. Please return your request by 7<sup>th</sup> December as places are limited. In particular, please ensure that if your child is playing/ performing, that you have ordered a ticket.*
- You will be receiving details of your child's Christmas party which will take place on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please return your donation of £1 to cover costs, to the school office in a sealed envelope by Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- *If you know your child will be staying for school dinners for the last two weeks of term, would it be possible for you to pay the school on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December in full. Meals cost £1.60 each day. This will greatly help our administration at this busy time of the year.*
- School ends at 3.10 pm on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December and restarts on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 – 4<sup>th</sup> January is our fourth INSET day.

### KS2 Carol Concert

We will be rehearsing for the Carol concert on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. We will need volunteers to help us walk the children to the church and back on these afternoons. If anybody is available to help with this we would be very grateful if you could contact your child's classteacher or the office.

# 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 017 937 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.

# PSA News

## Bag2school

Many thanks to all who donated to the bag2school scheme. We raised £280. Watch out for details of the next one in the New Year.