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NEWSLETTER



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With our good wishes to all families for a happy and holy Christmas and every blessing in 2008

We all face numerous pressures in life and I am well aware that demands on staff at this time of year increase these pressures. This is year with much to be done in a very appreciate the polish of the work that goes into achieving these personal thanks to the whole staff for their continued support and concert performances, charming carol service and various choir can now look forward to the this in itself is a busy time, hopefully time at home will enable us all to recharge our batteries for the term ahead.



probably the 'busiest' term of the tight timeline. I know parents children's performances and the results. I wish to record my team for their work and to parents input. With our excellent infant nursery concert, uplifting junior performances under our belt we Christmas break ahead. Whilst

This year's charity collections were in aid of the Evelina Children's Hospital and raised £280 at the infant Concerts to which we will add donations from the junior Carol Service. Your support for this charity is appreciated and I will confirm the final figure in the New Year.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION: I must record my thanks to our Friends Association for all they have already done this term. With some figures still to come in the Craft Fayre has raised in excess of £4,000 and I will confirm the exact figure next term. This includes their Christmas card promotion which was also very well supported.

I am aware that some parents felt cheaper options were available for the promotion but on investigation it appears this would have generated a much smaller sized card of poorer quality that would not have shown the children's artwork off to such an effect. This is always a balance and I felt they got it right. Whilst not wanting to single out anyone I know the committee will not mind me expressing thanks to Juliet Goulding and Dele Fatoba for the considerable amount of time they have given to the Friends Association this term. This is surpassed only by the time and effort put in by the Chair, Bridie Willis. Sincere thanks to all three.



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NURSERY STAFFING

We would like to wish Sarah Church well as she starts her maternity leave at the end of this term. I can confirm that her role as Deputy Nursery Manager will be taken on by Natasha Campbell during the period of her leave.

BOOK FAIR

One of our best ever thanks to your support and the organisation of the Fair by Mrs Lawless and Mrs Pollock. The wide selection of books and range of prices available appeared to meet most tastes. This has raised a commission of £1,000 in books for the school. Thank you to everyone.

LIZZIE'S KEEP FIT

Why not make a New Year's resolution to give this class a try in the New Year? You would be welcome every or any Monday evening from 7-8 pm. Why not start the year with a resolution to attend at least for the first half term. You may find it so much fun you will continue. It is a welcoming and friendly group so why not give it a go.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION PROJECTS

The Friends Association have committed their funds to a number of projects over the years and it is good when we see the wider effects of these efforts in addition to the day to day support they give to the maintenance and running of our school vehicles. We are expecting delivery of our new minibus any day and over the coming three months we will see the installation of additional seating and play facilities around the site which will enhance playtime for all our children. Storage is also to be provided for the gardening club.

GOVERNOR PROJECTS

I am pleased to confirm that the work orders for the refurbishment of the junior toilets have now been raised and this work is scheduled for the Easter break. More immediately additional external storage is to be provided for the Saturday football training sessions and larger PE equipment. It is also anticipated that the summer holidays will see a second floor established above our current ICT suite which will be remodelled. More news on this nearer the summer.

These are all exciting developments that reflect everyone's drive to continually improve the school's facilities, none of which would be possible without your ongoing support. Many thanks.

THANK YOU on behalf of the Gardening Club to Ms Largie, Mrs Brown, Mrs Mbawala and Mr Willis for their help this year.

FINAL NOTE OF THE YEAR

Whilst I repeat this note each year it is sincerely meant. All staff are most grateful for the numerous cards and gifts received. Regretfully it is not always possible to extend a personal thanks for these and we would again ask you to accept this acknowledgement as our thanks for your kindness.

Enjoy your Christmas break and may 2008 realise your wishes.

SCHOOL CLOSES

The last session for Nursery children is today, Thursday 20th December. The last day for the rest of the school is Friday 21st December. **ON THIS DAY SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2 PM. Please collect your children promptly as there will be no-one to supervise them after this time.** Children are permitted to bring in small hand-held/board games on the last day of term for which they will be responsible.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2008