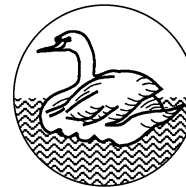


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NEWSLETTER

5th December 2008

Christmas Charity

Christmas is a time of giving and we will be taking the opportunity to raise funds for our partner school in Uganda at each of this year's events. Please come prepared to give generously to this appeal for funds to complete the Blind Girls' Dormitory before they start school again in January. Every penny given will be sent directly to the school and spent on building work!

Here again is the schedule for our Christmas events. Parents are invited to attend the events for their own children's classes.

Thursday 11th Dec : Reception Concert 9.30 (small hall); 1S concert 2.00 (small hall)

Friday 12th Dec : 1N concert 2.00 (small hall)

Monday 15th Dec : 1R concert 2.00 (small hall)

Tuesday 16th Dec : Yr 2 concert 2.00, (small hall); Yr 5&6 concert 6.30pm- St Gabriel's Church

Weds 17th Dec : Nursery Concert 10.45 and 2.30;

Yr 2 concert, 9.15, (small hall)

Thurs 18th Dec : Yr 3&4 concert 6.30 - St Gabriel's Church

Also: The PTA will be organising Carol Singing around the tree in the playground after school on Wednesday 17th.

We usually allow parents to take photographs and home-videos at these events, on the understanding that they will not be published anywhere, and photographs are taken for school purposes. If you have any personal objection to this, please let me know, so that I can gauge the strength of feeling, and make appropriate arrangements.

Golden Book Awards

This week's awards went to: Sandra Slaby and Tyrelle Seagers of 3B; Ria Redman and Tyrique Davies of 3W; Akira Valencia Mendex and Erica Odejimi of 2T; Zidane Saulter and Reya Yearwood of 2M; George Baldwin and Rustam Wahab of 2P; Holly Finch and Yousuf Tariq of 1R; Aayushi Oza and Finley May Townsend of 1S; Ella Berndt and Dain Mughal of 1N.

Well done to everyone!

Wet Days

The children need to come into the school halls on wet or icy mornings. However, **parents and carers are asked to remain outside** the buildings so that the school does not get too wet or congested. We are also concerned to ensure the safety of the children because we do not know every parent or carer and these times could provide opportunity for strangers to access the buildings.

The children all know where to go inside, and are safe as staff will be available to supervise. The children should be able to manage their own coats and lunch boxes, and to give any messages to the teachers themselves.

We appreciate your co-operation.

Buggies and Push-chairs

Please remember that these are not allowed into the buildings as they are a safety hazard. They may be parked under the verandas or next to the Reception wall away from the ramp. We do not expect young children to be left unattended, so please take them out and carry them with you if you need to come into the building.

Perry Lodge

A group of the school musicians and singers will be entertaining the residents of Perry Lodge with Christmas music on the afternoon of Monday 8th December. The PTA will also provide tea, served by some of the children.

History Days

Next Wednesday and Thursday, 10th and 11th, we will receive two of our regular visits from the "History Off the Page" company. Year 3 will spend the day on Wednesday as Vikings, and Year 6 will turn Victorian on Thursday! These will be very enjoyable and authentic learning experiences for the children.

Theatre Productions

The younger children thoroughly enjoyed the production of "The Firebird", by E15 acting school last week. On Tuesday 9th, Years 4-6 will see "Jason and the Argonauts".

These excellent opportunities for the children to enjoy live theatre, based on classical stories, are paid for by the PTA. Many thanks again to the committee and helpers!

P.T.O

Song of the Week

A carol in Italian and English:

1. Dormi, dormi, o bel bambin, Rè divin, Rè divin, Fa la nanna, o fantolino, Rè divin, Rè divin, Fa la nanna, o fantolino.	1. Sleep, oh sleep, my lovely child, King divine, King divine. Close your eyes and sweetly slumber, King divine, King divine. Close your eyes and sweetly slumber.
2. Perchè piangi, o mio tesoro? Dolce amor, dolce amor! Fa la nanna, o caro figlio, Tanto bel, tanto bel, Fa la nanna, o caro figlio.	2. Oh my treasure, do not weep! Sweetly sleep, sweetly sleep. Close your eyes my son, my dear one, Sweetly sleep, sweetly sleep. Close your eyes, my son, my dear one.

P.T.A NEWS

Perry Lodge Christmas Tea Party

The P.T.A. are providing a 'Christmas Tea Party' for the elderly residents of Perry Lodge on Monday, 8th December, from 2.00 - 4.00pm. The Choir will be performing and a selection of children will be playing musical instruments to entertain the residents. If anyone is able to help out at this event, please contact Louise on 8530 1306 - Many Thanks!

Carol's Around the Christmas Tree

The P.T.A. would like to invite all Children, Parents and Staff of the school to join us in singing Carol's around our Christmas Tree (song sheets provided) in the Main Playground straight after school on Wednesday, 17th December.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies / Christmas Cake will be served to all adult Carol Singers and children who join in with our Christmas Songs will be rewarded with Squash and Biscuits. (Refreshments are provided by the P.T.A. free of charge in this, the season of Good Will!) Anyone who is willing to help serve refreshments at this event, please contact Carol on 8530 3446 - Thanks!