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Dear Parents,



NEWSLETTER

Christmas is fast approaching as is the end of this final term of 2009.

Thank you so much for all your help and support this year especially at our Harvest festival, Formal Open Evening and Church Services. Our first parents' assembly of the year was well attended. The next parents' assemblies are organised for 22nd January, 5th February and 12th March at 2.45pm.

You have supported us generously during our various charity appeals and the following amounts were raised:-

Children in Need	£127.42
ECO - Nearly New Sale	£ 62.60
Shelterbox	£146.76

Our Christmas Bazaar was well attended and incredibly successful. We broke last year's record again and raised £622.00. A big thank you for your support, and generosity. Thank you to Mrs Hazell for organising the event. We hope to use this large amount to buy something really special for the school. We will let you know when we have done some investigating.

CAROL CONCERTS



Last week we all thoroughly enjoyed the Carol Concerts based upon the Miracle of the First Poinsettia. All the children have worked so hard and they acted and sang beautifully, giving two lovely performances.

Thank you to the many parents, families and friends who attended the Twilight service. We were rather overwhelmed by the numbers attending. Thank you to all staff, Ms Louise Tait and Mrs Kate Eve who worked so hard to produce both events and to the FOTS for providing mulled wine and mince pies.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD



Last week I was informed that our application for re-accreditation for the ISA has been successful. We now go into the second phase where we submit our portfolio of evidence showing records, summaries and evaluations of international

events carried out this year. The portfolio will be submitted to the British Council in London in July 2010.

We would like to continue our fun project "Where in the World is the Titchmarsh bag?" with our new bag. So if you are going away, nationally or internationally take your FOTS bag with you and take a photograph of it with you. We will then put it on our notice board. Our bag has been to some amazing places, including the Isle of Wight, Barcelona, Grand Canyon and New Zealand. So if you haven't bought a FOTS bag, buy one while you still can!!



BUILDING PROJECT

I have little more to report to you, except planning permission has now been granted and tender documents are currently being issued to contractors. It is hoped the mobile classrooms will be removed during the February half term and construction will begin the first week in March. The project manager is hopeful that the completion date will be close to the beginning of the Autumn term 2010.

PARENTMAIL

Many thanks to everybody who signed up to receive Parentmail. We had an excellent response. The forms will be sent to Parentmail by registered post this week and we hope to be up and running within six weeks. In the meantime you can find a copy of all the Newsletters written this year on our website, along with up to date news, events and information.



PANTOMIME

On Thursday 17th December we will be travelling to the Key Theatre, Peterborough for our long awaited trip to see the matinee performance of 'Dick Whittington'. Following lunch on Thursday we will travel by coach, fitted with seatbelts, to Peterborough.

The anticipated return to school will be at approximately 5pm. Please arrange for the collection of your child(ren) at this later time.

Please wait in the playground as usual. Children will be taken from the coach into their classrooms to collect their belongings. Then, in class lines, the children will be brought to the playground via the Owlets exit where it is well lit. The children will stay with their class teacher until they are collected.

This will be carried out as speedily and as smoothly as possible.



CHILDRENS' PARTY DAY

Our party day is on Friday 18th December with activities in the morning, the Christmas lunch at the Clubroom, organised by FOTS, and a party in the afternoon. Children are asked **not** to bring their own games. The party will be at school and we will bring the children to the playground to meet you as usual.

No packed lunches are required and book bags will not be needed on this day either.

Format for the afternoon:-

- 12.30-1.15pm - Communal Meal
- 1.45pm - Party with traditional games
- 2.30pm - Refreshments followed by games
- 3.30pm - Home time

Party day is traditionally a '**no uniform**' day too - no donation needed.

CORRIDOR OF FAME



Our corridor of fame for next term is:-

- Artist - L S Lowry
- Author - Martin Waddell
- Composer - John Williams

Contributions would be greatly welcomed.

CHURCH SERVICES



Wednesday 13th January, 3rd and 10th February and 24th March.



STAFFING

Sadly, at the end of this term we say goodbye to two of our members of staff. Mrs Leach leaves us to take up a full time post in Northumberland. We have today successfully appointed her replacement, Mrs Stone and we look forward to welcoming her to our staff in the new year.

Mrs Wells also leaves us as Lunchtime Supervisor. There is a vacancy for this position advertised. Please ask for more details if you are interested. Mrs Wells has kindly agreed to stay on until February half term or until the position is filled.

Term will begin at 9.00am on 4th January 2010.

On behalf of the staff and pupils, may I wish you a joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J Milton



