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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Christmas Fayre 2007

Thank you very much to all the members of the PTA Committee for organising a highly successful Christmas Fayre. It was good to see so many people working to support the school, enjoying themselves and spending their money!

School Concerts

I very much look forward to welcoming you to the Infant concerts on Tuesday 12th December at 1.45 p.m. and Wednesday 13th December at 9.45 a.m. and the Nursery concert on Friday 14th December at 9.45 a.m.

Christmas Cards & Post Boxes

Pupils are welcome to bring their Christmas cards and post them in the Willy Gilly post-boxes, which will be in operation until the end of term. Please encourage your child to put the Christian name and Surname as well as the Class on the envelope.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service is on Tuesday 18th December at St Alkmund's Church at 2.00 p.m. Parents, relatives and friends of the school are invited to attend. All pupils – Reception to Year 6 – will be walking to Church and parents need to collect their child at 3.00 p.m. from Church.

Unless I am informed in writing that your child is to return to school to be dismissed at 3.30 p.m. then it will be assumed that your child will go home from Church and will be clear about their arrangements.

Please note all junior pupils will walk to Church to rehearse on Monday 17th December. Please make sure your child is dressed in a warm coat with a waterproof if the weather forecast is wet.

Infant Theatre Trip

Year 1 and Year 2 are visiting the Assembly Rooms, Derby to see Jack and the Beanstalk on Friday 14th December 2007. Please note details as in a separate letter previously sent.

Nursery and Reception Theatre Trip

Nursery and Reception pupils will be visiting the Guildhall Theatre to see Hansel and Gretel on Thursday 20th December. Please refer to the details in previous letters.

Christmas Parties

The format of the parties has changed this year as last year, thanks to your wonderful generosity, we were overwhelmed with food and there was a lot of waste. As the party tea comes only 1 hour after school lunch we have decided to play more games and to provide a drink and snack prior to the arrival of Santa.

The Infant Party is on Monday 17th December in the afternoon. The children may attend school in their party clothes and infant parents who would like to see the arrival of Santa should come into school at 2.45 p.m.

The Nursery Party is on Wednesday 19th December in the morning. Miss Taylor has the details in hand.

The Junior Party on Thursday 20th December has been changed slightly this year following feedback from the pupils that “there is never enough time to play games”. Bearing in mind all the children and their different needs, likes and dislikes; the department has arranged an activity day with games in the hall throughout the day. This will give the children more space and more time with lots of structured activities going on as well. Drinks and snacks will be provided and a little goodie bag at the end of the day.

All KS2 children may come to school in their own clothes/party clothes on Thursday 20th December.

School Lunches

The cost of a school dinner will rise to £1.70 a day from January 2008. This will bring us in line with Derbyshire Local Authority who increased their prices to £1.70 in September. With the increased use of fresh produce and the soon to be introduced salad bar, I hope you feel this still represents excellent value for money.

Rainbows Hospice Charity Concert

A number of members of our school choir will be singing in Derby Cathedral on Wednesday 12th December at 7.30 p.m. to raise money for Rainbows Hospice; a charity providing respite care for terminally ill children and their families. If you appreciate outstanding singing and quality music do come along to see them.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to the forthcoming concerts and Carol Service and hope you will be able to attend.

Best wishes.

S J Whyld
Headteacher

PS – A reminder – parents are able to use the Methodist Church car park except when there is a function taking place. This avoids congesting Vicarage Lane and St Alkmund’s Close.