

NEWSLETTER- WEEK ENDING 27th November 2009

We would like to thank parents for all their support in the run up to our inspection and during the week. The week went very well. A copy of the inspection report will be available in February 2010. The writing of the report, checking and re-checking by ISI does take time. I would like to thank personally all the staff for their hard work and dedication.

CLUBS

There will be no Bike Club for the rest of this term due to fading light.

There will be no clubs on Thursday 3rd December due to Christmas Revue.

There will be no Speech and Drama on either Monday or Thursday next week.

There will be no more Gardening Club this term.

Netball Club for Years 5/6 will be Revue Dance practice for anyone who wishes to practice.

Due to failing light there will be no Netball Club for Years 3/4 for the rest of the term.

There will be no Clubs during the last week of term. Biscuit Club will run as normal from Monday to Thursday. There will be no Biscuit Club on the last day of term.

REPORTS

Having spoken to many parents about reporting recently, the feedback that we have had is that meeting the staff is of more value. Therefore, we have decided to increase the number of parents evenings accordingly. As a result, parents will have parental interviews with staff in the Michaelmas Term and the Lent Term and a full written report at the end of Summer Term. In addition, as Year 6 are prepared for their entrance exams in the Michaelmas Term, they will receive a report based on practice tests in Maths and English. We very much hope that the new arrangements are of more value and give parents a greater feel for their children's progress.

YEAR 6 EXAMS

Year 6 will be having their Maths and English exams next week during their Maths and English lessons.

PRE-PREP GAMES

Please could all pre-prep children have their school tracksuits and hooded top as well as suitable waterproof jackets for their Games lessons.

CHRISTMAS REVUE

Wednesday 2nd December

The performers will be rehearsing all day. Non- performers have a separate timetable arranged which includes an afternoon of games activities. Pupils will combine into two classes for academic lessons in the morning- Years 3/4 and Years 5/6.

On Wednesday the performers must bring their music, CDs, Instruments, Props etc. Costumes should be worn if it would help to practice in them, but are not obligatory. Please do not bring any face paint; hair dyes etc for the rehearsal.

Thursday 3rd December

We will have a normal morning. The Matinee starts at 2.30pm. Coffee and tea will be served before the performance. Nursery to Year 2 and non-performers will watch the afternoon show. There will be a short break for Pre-prep to leave at their usual going home time. Parents collecting Years 3-6 pupils please be aware that while going home time should be as normal, the matinee could overrun to 4.30pm.

On Thursday performers will change for the matinee after lunch. Parents may come in to help at 1.30pm if they wish, for example, to help with make up. After the matinee performers should take home their costume and return, wearing it, in the evening. Props and instruments should be left either back stage or in the music room between the performances.

Performers must return to school by 6.40pm in the evening, with costumes, make up if required all ready- please be back on time. The evening show starts at 7pm and finishes at approximately 8.45pm. Mrs. Jenks.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 4th December Year 5LR will be holding their Assembly. All parents from this class are welcome to come along at 8.40am.

CAROL SINGING AT DICKENSIAN EVENING

Children and parents are invited to join Mrs Twyman for some festive carol singing on Friday 4th December. We will be meeting outside M & Co on Duke Street to start at 6.00pm. We will be singing for two twenty minute slots from 6.00pm-7.00pm, with a twenty minute break in between to allow the children to enjoy the festivities. Please note that children need to be accompanied by an adult for the twenty minute break. All children need to

wear school uniform with extra warm coats, and perhaps some festive decoration.

CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service will be held on Thursday 10th December at 2.30pm in Tavistock Parish Church. All parents are very welcome to attend and pupils may leave with their parents at the end of the service. Parents not attending the service can collect their children from the church at 3.30pm. There will be no after school clubs after the Carol Service but Biscuit Club will run as normal.

PRE-PREP PLAY

This will take place on Tuesday 8th December between 2.15pm - 3.15pm in the School Hall. All Pre-Prep parents are invited. Children are welcome to leave with their parents afterwards. There will also be a dress rehearsal for the rest of the school on Monday 7th December between 10.30 - 11.30am which parents are welcome to attend if they are unable to make the performance.

NURSERY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Nursery will be performing a Christmas Concert for Nursery families only on Tuesday 8th December at 9.00am. Tea and coffee will be available after the performance.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all those who donated shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. 68 boxes were given. Mrs. Jenks.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who donated during our spotty Children in Need day. A total of £160.00 has been raised. Well done!!!

ADVENTURE RACING AND TRIATHLON DAYS

Most of you would have received registration forms home last week regarding the Adventure Racing day on Monday 14th December and the Triathlon Coaching day on Tuesday 15th December. If any of you have not received this information or would like a registration form for these activity days you can collect one from the school office or find more information at

www.theadventurecentre.co.uk. N. Robinson.

PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Emma Rogers's friend needs a wheelchair but to get one we need to collect milk bottle tops. Please can you give your milk bottle tops to either Emma Rogers or Eloise Macdonald. Thank you.

YEAR 4 BATH TRIP

The Year 4 Bath trip will take place on Friday 12th February 2010, (the day before half term). To keep the costs down we will be offering places on the coach to any adults who wish to come, at the very reasonable price of £10 return. Request forms will be sent out at the start of next term.

LOST

Frank Keith- Rugby boots, shin pads and gum shield- all named.

Charlie Wrey- School Jumper - Named.

Charlotte Moore- Games hooded top.

Jack Whitson-Fay- 2 School hooded tops and gum shield.

George Bowles- Waterproof sports jacket.

Lois Thornton- Waterproof sports jacket.

Toby Coulton- Waterproof sports jacket.

William Hutton- 2 White shirts and Blazer.

If found please return.

SPORT

Please can all boys have shin pads at school from Monday 30th November as some games sessions will be football.

The following swimmers have been entered in for the Bath Open Meet- 4th-6th December-

Ella Ellis

Sam Every

Max Smith

We would like to wish them luck for this event.

RESULTS

Wednesday 25th November

U11 Hockey v Mount House (H)

A Team- Lost- Player of the match- Megan Cousins

B Team- Lost- Player of the match- Olivia Chamberlain

U11 Rugby V Mount House

A Team- Lost- Player of the match- Tristan Hampden-Smith.

EVENTS WEEK BEGINNING 30th November

Monday 30th November	No Speech and Drama No Gardening Club No Netball Club
Tuesday 1 st December	No Bike Club
Thursday 3 rd December	Christmas Revue - 2.30 and 7.00pm No Speech and Drama No Sewing Club.
Friday 4 th December	Dickensian Evening - 6.00pm

END OF TERM DIARY DATES

Monday 7 th December	Dress Rehearsal of Pre Prep Play 10-30-11.30am Pre Prep Party - 2.00pm
Tuesday 8 th December	Nursery Christmas Concert - 9.00am Pre Prep Play - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 10 th December	Carol Service - 2.30pm Disco Years 3-6 - 6.30pm-8.00pm
Friday 11 th December	End of Term - 12.30

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND GET TOGETHER - Lucinda Hampden-Smith

On Tuesday 8th December from 7pm at Waster Farm, Lydford. EX20 4BW
Mulled wine and mince pies - Home-made confectionary, Swedish Christmas decorations, vintage accessories, cards nearly new, Asian delights, beauty products, and fun family photo session voucher for £25.00 from snappy studio in Exeter- fantastic portfolio to view. Raffle in aid of Maxillo Facial unit at Derriford Hospital. Bring you girlfriends along!!

Directions- From Tavistock take the road to Lydford Gorge (Second entrance) next to the Mucky Duck- take the right hand turn before going over the Weak Bridge take the first right and then left turn by Wastor Chapel- go down the narrow lane until you come to Wastor Farm. 01822 820204

CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

Lime Kiln Gallery invite you to the preview of the Christmas Exhibition featuring work by Laure Bury and other local artists. The exhibition opens on 25th November from 7pm and will continue until 24th December between 11.00am and 5.00pm every day except Mondays. The Gallery is in Commercial Road, Calstock. info@limekilngallery.com 01822 834654

YEAR 5

There will be a coffee morning at Costa's on Monday 30th November after drop off. If you would like to go to the Christmas meal please could you give your deposit to Michelle Peak as soon as possible.