



RCS~ Newsletter December 2009

DATES

Christmas lunch	Tuesday 8 th December
Junior Panto trip	Thursday 10 th December
Infant Panto performance	Friday 11 th December
Infant Nativity performance	Tuesday 15 th December 2pm
Infant Nativity performance	Wednesday 16 th December 2pm
Class Christmas Parties Junior	Thursday 17 th December pm
Carol concert	Thursday 17 th December 6pm (Holy Trinity)
Carol concert	Friday 18 th December 9.15am (Holy Trinity)

Children in need

Many thanks to everyone who helped the school with their children in need fundraising efforts. We raised an outstanding total of £370.00. A huge thank you also to the school council and Mrs Dunn for their excellent efforts with the cake sale and the fantastic art gallery. Well done.

Junior playground

Could I please ask all parents and carers to remain outside the playground at the end of the day until the children have finished using the playground for their games lessons. It may mean waiting by the front entrance until as late as 3.25pm when the playground is clear. Please do wait behind the gate as people in the playground whilst a lesson is underway are a health and safety issue for the school. Many thanks.

On a similar but slightly different note can I also please ask parents and carers to refrain from encouraging children over to the fence to talk to them at lunch time. Thank you.

Punctuality

Throughout the term I have arrived at school at different times to try and plot the pattern of lateness by some children. I have arrived with the children, before the children and even after the children should have arrived in an effort to try and get as much of a picture of why we still have issues about punctuality. I have stood outside school, on the far

corner opposite the school, back up the hill into the estate and even ridden my bike around the estate to try and see who comes and when.

Although our punctuality generally has improved (and thank you for the effort made by some people) there are still a core of Children sometimes with their parents and carers who I see every **time** I am out monitoring the punctuality. The question that rises in my thoughts is why? Why does it appear impossible for some people to get the children here on time? The pattern has changed and normally everyone (with a few extreme exceptions) is in school by 9.05 at the latest. Previously we used to have more people arriving more than 10 minutes late regularly.

I have explained many times before why it is so, so important to get the children to school at the correct time and this is absolutely vital.

To help I have decided to work with a support agency called Family Action. Starting in the spring term I will make contact with certain families and ask them to work with family action with a view to getting their children to school on time. Family action will work with the family and help to get the routines in place to ensure that the children are out of the house and in school when they should be.

Finally thank you so much for those people who have made a big effort to improve their punctuality, we really appreciate it.

Christmas card project

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Christmas card project. As a result of the great efforts and solid support the school has raised £114.55. Many, many thanks.

Infant Nativity

A reminder that we will be making a recording of the Infant Nativity play and selling DVD's through the PSA. We strongly recommend that you purchase one of these as a record of the performance. However I must remind you that should you wish to make your own recording then you **MUST** have a sticker from the office. You will not be permitted to video the performance if you have not obtained one of these first. Many thanks.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year? We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can at our Christmas events.

Best Wishes

Richard Woodfin

Headteacher

