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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Advent 2009

Dear Parents,

As we approach the season of Advent, this special time of preparation when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I know you will be reminding your children why we celebrate Christmas.



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As well as all the religious services that we will be having in school, there are many opportunities in your parishes to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas. Do try to take your children to as many as you can.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 30th November

Year 5 Multi Sports Festival- Some children from Year 5 will take part in this at Thomas Becket School. They will travel by mini-bus, but need to be collected by parents afterwards.

December 3rd

Wynn Williams and Dennis Morley from 'The Bible School' will lead Assembly – 9.00 a.m.

Mufti day for the Hope Centre

The children may wear their own clothes today to raise money for the Hope Centre who does such good work for the homeless.



Please make a donation if your child wishes to wear mufti.

Please give as generously as you can.

Thursday 10th December
'Friends of the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School' Coffee Morning
9.15 -10.00 am in the Music and Dance Studio
All are welcome.



N.B. Please access the Music and Dance Studio from the far end of KS2. Buggies may be parked under the KS2 shelters as they cannot be brought onto the Dance Studio floor. There will be toys for pre – school children to play with in the Dance Studio.

Thursday 10th December

Catholic Schools Carol Concert at the Cathedral in Northampton at 7pm.



Our school choir will perform at this wonderful Christmas concert. **ALL** are welcome to attend.

Tickets are not required

N. B. All members of the choir must attend the presentation in the evening. If for some reason this is not possible, please let me know ASAP.

What Christmas means to me!



Key Stage 2 are presenting their Christmas Performance on Thursday 10th December at 1.30pm and Friday 11th December at 7pm.

Tickets cost £2 each. (this covers the cost of the licence to perform)
These will be available from 30th November.

We have a limited number of tickets available, due to Health and Safety concerns, therefore **only 2 tickets per family will be issued until 7th December.**

If there are any tickets left after that date these will be available to anyone on a first come, first served basis.

Friday 11th December

The theatre group M& M Productions will be performing **'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'** for the whole school.

9.30am

More details from Mrs Swallow will follow.

Monday 14th December

There will be a *Service of Reconciliation* for the whole school this morning. This will be lead by Father Simon Penhalagan.



There will be the opportunity for children who have made their First Confession to go to Confession after the service.

Monday 14th December
'Little Lambs' Nursery and Key Stage 1 and 2 Children's Christmas Party - in the afternoon.

Smart clothes or party clothes may be worn. Our Parents' Association very kindly provide the food and drinks for our Christmas Party.



We would be very grateful for offers of help from parents for our Christmas parties. Please call in at the office if you can help put the food out on December 14th. We rely on your help on this occasion. Thank you!

Tuesday 15th December

Reception and KS1 Musical Extravaganza
2 performances



10am and 1.30pm

The children and staff invite parents to see their performances which they have all been working very hard on.

Tickets cost £2 each. (This is a contribution towards props, any remainder will be donated to charity)

These will be available from 30th November.

We have a limited number of tickets available, due to Health and Safety concerns, therefore

only 2 tickets per family will be issued until 9th December.

If there are any tickets left after that date these will be available to anyone on a first come, first served basis.

Wednesday 16th December

KS2 House Cross Country 10.00



All children in KS2 will take part in the cross country to gain house points for their team.

Wednesday 16th December
HCPT Carol Service will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady and St. Thomas. 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 16th December

KS1 and Nursery Christmas Dinner

On this day all Key Stage 2 children will need to bring a packed lunch, **as no other hot food will be provided for them at school.**

If your child is eligible for a free school meal, a packed lunch will be provided for them by Kingswood Catering.



Thursday 17th December

KS2 Christmas Dinner

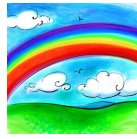
On this day all Key Stage 1 children will need to bring a packed lunch, **as no other hot food will be provided for them at school on this day.**

If your child is eligible for a free school meal, a packed lunch will be provided for them by Kingswood Catering.

Please follow the instructions that you have already received from Kingswood Catering. The school cannot provide meals for children who have not ordered them on time.

Wednesday 16th December

Starts at 3.15pm
Rainbows Celebrate Me
Christmas Party



This celebration is for the children that have been attending our 'Rainbows for All God's Children' Programme.
More information will follow from Ms Bogan.

Thursday 17th December

'Little Lambs' Nursery Nativity 2pm

Our 'Little Lambs' children will perform their Nativity to parents.

All children who attend 'Little Lambs' are asked to attend in the afternoon on this day as they will all be performing during the afternoon.



Friday 18th December

Christmas Raffle



Please do your very best to sell as many tickets as you can. This is a main fund raise for the school.
Thank you!

Our Parents' Association will hold the Christmas Raffle at **10.00am**
Winners will be posted in Reception and on the tree.

Friday December 18th

The school closes to pupils to – day at 3.15 p.m.



Best wishes to you all for a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Anne Walker (Mrs)

(Headteacher)

Yvonne Swallow (Mrs)

(Assistant Headteacher)

And

All of the staff and Governors

