

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 20th December 2007

*The Staff, pupils and myself would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and offer our best wishes for a very prosperous New Year!*

### ONE FINAL SHORT NEWSLETTER TO END THE YEAR!

I can't believe we are almost at the end of the school term.

Although we have faced some challenging times it is time to look to the future and I feel sure we will all have a wonderful 2008!

### WOULD ANYONE BE ABLE TO GIVE A HOME TO...

Our beautiful Christmas Trees?

The Christmas trees we have in school are still in excellent condition. We have two six foot trees and one smaller tree.

If you would like one please contact the Office.



### CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

I am pleased to say that all of our Christmas productions, parties etc have gone very well. I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way.



### WINNER OF THE STAFF HAMPER RAFFLE

I am pleased to let you know that the winner of the Staff Hamper raffle was George McCaughey, whose daughter Amy is in Reception.

Lisa Sherwood, whose daughter Chloe is also in Reception, won the runner up prize of a bottle of sparkling wine!

Congratulations to them both!



### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that school closes for the Christmas Holidays at 3.20pm tomorrow and school will re-open at 8.55am on Monday, 7th January 2008.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR SWIMMING NEXT TERM

Can you please see overleaf for the new arrangements for swimming lessons next term.

PAULA BAILEY  
Head Teacher

The Parents/Carers of children in KS2

Dear Parents/Carers

### **CHANGES TO THE PE CURRICULUM**

In order to ensure that children have a broad and balanced Physical Education Curriculum we intend to make some changes to the organisation of our PE Curriculum.

All children receive 2 hours of Physical Education each week (weather permitting). The children will cover all aspects of physical education including dance, gymnastics, athletics, games, swimming and outdoor and adventurous activity.

An impact of these changes is to reduce the amount of time allocated to swimming. As from January 2008 Year 4 will be the only year group who will attend swimming lessons.

We are committed to ensuring children will cover the curriculum for swimming outlined in the National Curriculum including:

- pace themselves in floating and swimming challenges related to speed, distance and personal survival
- swim unaided for a sustained period of time over a distance of at least 25m
- use recognised arm and leg actions, lying on their front and back  
use a range of recognised strokes and personal survival skills for example, front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, sculling, floating and surface diving

We intend to run a catch up programme for children who have not achieved the above by the time they leave Year 4.

Yours faithfully

PAULA BAILEY  
Head Teacher

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