



**ST KATHARINE'S CofE (VC)
SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 28
20th January 2012.**

Dear Parent,

This term is flying by. Some exciting news, we have applied for an Artsmark Award as we feel we should celebrate all the good art work that's going on in the school. We have an assessor visiting us before half term, so watch this space!

Sycamore and Oak received a visit this week from the Fire Safety Team - the children found it very interesting and useful, if you would like anymore information on fire safety in the home please see Jan in the office.

Don't forget your child can open an account in the school bank on a Tuesday and Friday with only £1. We have two children that are saving towards the £100 (and to get their wallet).

**Sharon Cross
Headteacher**

Celebration Worship

Can I just remind you all that Celebration Worship starts at 2.30 p.m. prompt on a Thursday! It is great to see so many siblings attending with parents but please

can you prevent them from running around during the assembly as it is very distracting to the children. Also if they are noisy please take them out. Our children enjoy celebrating their work and therefore it is only fair that we give them the opportunity to 'show off' their learning in the appropriate manner.

PTA News

The PTA would like to re-cycle your old mobile phones to raise funds for our school. Last year we sent 12 mobile phones kindly donated by parents to a re-cycling company and raised £126 for our school funds. Look out for the re-cycling envelope in your pact folders soon.

Nut Free School

As you are aware we have two children in school with severe nut allergies. We are trying to promote a 'nut free' zone in school; therefore produce containing nuts is not encouraged in school. This includes packed lunches, mid morning snacks, star worker treats, birthday treats etc

Absence

If your child is ill, please telephone the school office before 9.30 a.m. on the day to let us know. Please follow this up with a note giving details. If we are not notified of the reasons for an absence, an "unauthorised absence" will be recorded on their school record. Requests for absence in term time for reasons other than illness must be made in advance on an Absence Request form available from the

school office. If your child arrives after 9.05 a.m. it will be classed as **unauthorised** and you will be asked to fill in the late register.

Car Parking

Please avoid parking in the staff car park - this is causing problems for our staff especially when they are on courses and need to leave school during the day.

A Note from a Parent

Spike's mummy Lisa will be playing with her band "The Loose Salute" at Sound Knowledge in Azuza's on 24th January at 7 p.m. It is a free show and children are very welcome.

*From Little Acorns Great Oaks
Grow*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 ST February	3.20 Oxenwood meeting for Oak parents
6 th February	Book Week and Book Fair at School
8th February	Hot chocolate & Bedtime Story 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
9 th February 2012	Last day of Term 3
10 th February 2012	T D Day
20 th February	T D Day
21 st February	1 st day of Term 4
9 th & 10 th March	Dance Festival- details to follow
27 th March	M&M Production of The Lion, the Witch & The Wardrobe - whole school - details to follow
30 th March	Easter Service and last day of term.
16 th April	Term 4 begins
30 April & 1 st May	Oxenwood Residential for Oak Class