



**ST KATHARINE'S CofE (VC)
SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 25
18th November 2011**

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see the children dressed in their pantomime costumes today, it was great to see your creative skills put to the test in supporting a worthwhile cause, Children in Need.

Thank you to those that took part in the Operation Christmas Child - 16 boxes were collected.

Oak class had a very interesting day dressed as Victorians at Sevington Victorian School last week. Having spoken to them they all enjoyed it but much preferred today's method of schooling!

Next week we have children from Gorse Hill Primary School visiting Sycamore class. We have linked up with this school as part of our Bangladesh partnership to develop our global community. Sycamore class are busy planning forest activities as Gorse Hill School is a large school primary school set in Swindon, very different from our setting.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at the Christmas Fair at

Marlborough Town Hall, it will be a good opportunity to start your Christmas Shopping!

**Sharon Cross
Headteacher**

Parking

Thank you to those parents that are using the turning circle correctly and who are parking at the church instead of parking on the verges. However, there are some parents that are not considering others whilst dropping off in the morning. I appreciate that there are more children in the school and that parents are busy, but if everybody used the turning circle correctly and parked at the church child safety would not be put at risk.

You would have noticed that every Tuesday there are cones alongside the verges outside the school. This is to prevent the bus getting 'stuck' in the traffic when returning the children from swimming. However, there are some parents who are still parking inappropriately. The bus company informed us last week they were fined £60 because they were very late for their next pick up, they have also informed us that if this happens again the school will be fined and we will have no choice but to pass this fine forward to those responsible. Next week is the last swimming session, so please bear with us!

SATs Results letter

In my letter earlier this week about last year's Y6 SATS, I referred to the overall performance of our then

Y6 pupils being below the levels we had hoped for. I did not intend that this should be understood as saying that all our then Y6 pupils had achieved levels below what we had hoped for. Indeed, some of our pupils achieved excellent results and they were congratulated at the time. I do apologise for any misunderstanding or embarrassment that I may have caused.

Threadworms

We have recently had a case of threadworms in school. Please find below information from the NHS website.

Threadworms often go unnoticed, but symptoms can include:

- intense itching around the anus, particularly at night when the female worms are laying eggs
- itching around the vagina
- disturbed sleep as a result of the itching, which can make you irritable

As threadworms do not always cause symptoms, all members of your household should be treated, even if only one person notices symptoms. To successfully treat threadworms, the entire household must be treated, even if not everyone has symptoms.

For further guidance please see the NHS website or contact your local pharmacy.

Travel Plan

Following the questionnaire we sent out in the summer term, it

highlighted that parking is a concern. In light of this we are now looking at our Travel Plan and ask if you would complete the attached Travel Plan Survey. This will help us to produce an updated Travel Plan that is relevant to our school. Please complete and return by Friday 25th November.

Panto

On Friday 18th and Saturday 19th November, Abby Evans is appearing in a panto at Croft Hall, Hungerford at 7.30 p.m. If you would like to see Abby perform you can get your free ticket from Newbury Building Society or Abby's mum.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be collecting all orders on Tuesday 22nd November. If you would like to order your photos for Christmas, please make sure you have your order form in before then.

Parent Numeracy Workshop.

We have a numeracy advisor, Liz Hopkins at school on 1st December at 6 p.m. here at school. Please come along if you can. The PTA are providing wine and cheese during the evening. The workshop will last for just under two hours.

PTA News 18th November 2011

Christmas Fair We are all very excited about our Christmas Fair tomorrow, 10am-12pm in Marlborough Town Hall. We hope to see lots of you there and as the children are going to do some carol singing we definitely need them there! If you are able to please

bring a cake along to the hall before 10am for us to sell. Otherwise come along and enjoy the fun and help raise much needed funds for the redecoration of the school hall.

Bag2School You should all have received your Bag2School bags, along with flyers for you to share with friends and neighbours to encourage them to participate too - more are available from Mrs Stagg! The Harrow at Little Bedwyn have kindly donated a bottle of champagne - to win you need to bring your bag/bags of jumble to school on Tuesday 29th November by 9am and we will enter you into a raffle for the champagne. Remember you don't have to use the Bag2School bags, normal bin bags are also accepted.

School Disco The school disco will take place on Friday 9th December, 5.30pm-7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are now available to purchase from the school office, at the same price as last year - £3. The children will be provided with drinks and snacks, so will need a proper meal before or afterwards!

Wellies in school

Please make sure your child has named wellingtons in school every day, they can be stored in the big boxes on the playground.

St Katharine's Church Carols

On 18th December at St Katharine's Church is the 'Nine Lessons and Carol Service' at 6 p.m. We will be participating by performing a carol and a reading. (KS2 children only). If you would like your child to take part please return the reply slip below.

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.

Christmas Lunch provided by Julianne Smith & Team.

Julianne and a team of parents have kindly offered to provide Christmas Lunch on the Monday 12th December for the children this year, the cost of which will be £3.00 each. They will be serving up boned & rolled turkey, mini sausages, roast potatoes, carrots peas, stuffing and gravy followed by dessert of chocolate roll and ice cream. There is a vegetarian option available. If you would like your child to partake please complete the reply

slip below and return to school
before Friday 25th November.
Thank you.

Reply Slip
Christmas Lunch
12th December 2011

Name of
Child/ren.....
Class

* I would like my child/ren to have a
Christmas lunch and enclose £3.00
per child.

*I would like a vegetarian
alternative at £3.00 per child.

Signed

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Reply Slip
Carol Concert - St Katharine's
Church - KS2 Children only.

I would like my child to
take part in the above concert on
the 18th December.

Signed

*From Little Acorns Great Oaks
Grow*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 th November	PTA Christmas Fair Marlborough Town Hall - details to follow
22 nd November	Last swim
28 th November	Robotics Competition
1 st December	Parent Numeracy Workshop session at 6 pm. in the school hall.
8 th December	Hazel Class to Watermill Theatre (a.m.)
9 th December	School disco
12 th December	Christmas Lunch for the children at school
13 th December	Children singing carols at the Jubilee Centre
15 th December	Christmas Nativity & Carol Service 5 p.m. at Church
16 th December	Last day of term 2
18 th December	St Katharine's Church Carols and Lessons.
3 rd January 2012	First day of term 3
6 th February	Book Week and Book Fair at School
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