



Newsletter

November 2008

19th November 2008

Great News

Mrs Selby had a baby girl on Monday 17th November; Esther Ruth weighing 6lb.

Fantastic Fundraising!



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Children in Need fundraising a super success! Well done to Year 6 girls Eleanor Ball & Holly Shaw for raising £80.38 by baking hundreds of cakes, and selling them to parents and children.

Well done to Year 4 girls Willow, Alicia, Ella and Rhiannon for their 'Guess the name of the elephant game' which raised £15.75. Stuart won the elephant!

The total amount raised on the day including Coins on Pudsey was £165.27.

School Photographs

Could you please ensure that all orders for school photographs are in the school office by Monday 24th November.

Calling All Cooks

The Garden Patch Club members are growing lots of food. Now all we need is a Cooking Club! Are there any parents or grandparents out there who are willing to run a healthy-eating after school club? If you have basic cooking skills and can spare an hour a week please let us know.

What are Open the Book Assemblies?

The Open the Book Team are based at The Church on Oakwood, and visit our school every Wednesday to lead the whole-school assembly. Each week for 15 minutes, they tell a different Bible story through drama, song and rhyme. They make wonderful props, and invite children to dress up and join the cast.

Family Learning for Parents of KS1 Pupils

Parents frequently ask about methods we use to teach mathematics, and in response last term, our Maths Coordinator Mrs Bell and other teachers ran demonstration workshops or parent's evenings. Following this, a number of parents have requested additional, more detailed sessions. To meet this need, we are delighted to have linked up with a Family Learning teacher who is able to deliver a course of six two-hour sessions on Wednesday evenings next term. The dates and times are not yet set; however, please consider whether this may be beneficial to you, and look out for further information in future newsletters.

Family Assemblies

Your attendance at Family Assemblies is really valued. Please be **good role models** and **refrain from talking** during the awards.

Could we also please remind parents that buggies should not be brought into school; please leave them outside.

Volunteers Needed

If any parents are available to help sort out the school library during the last week of term could they please speak to Mrs Bell.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Could we please remind parents that they must keep children off school for at least 48 hours if they have had sickness or diarrhoea.

Christmas Party Lunch

The Christmas Party Lunch this year is on Thursday 18th December. If your child does not usually have a school lunch, and would like to join in could you please send £1.55 in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name and class (exact money please), by Wednesday 26th November to enable us to order sufficient lunches,(we will not be able to order any more after that date). Each child will receive their lunch in a party bag; lunch will include sandwiches, fruit, salad, biscuit and a drink. In addition the PFA also donate party crackers, crisps and chocolate for all children.

Children can come into school in party clothes if they wish on Thursday, however they need to wear sensible shoes and have warm coats etc for outdoor play. Many thanks to our kitchen staff and the PFA members who organise this event each year for the children.

Christmas Productions - Dates

The dates and times of this years Christmas Productions are as follows:

- KS1 & Foundation - Tuesday 9th December - 2pm
- Wednesday 10th December 9.30am-11am
(including drinks at 10am)
- Y3 & Y4 - Wednesday 10th December - 2pm
- Wednesday 10th December - 7pm
- Y5 & Y6 - Thursday 11th December - 2pm
- Thursday 11th December - 7pm

Detailed ticket information will be sent out nearer the date.

Derbyshire Building Society

Our Year 1 class are making decorations for the Christmas tree in the Oakwood Branch of the Derbyshire Building Society. Look out for their handiwork on display from the end of this month.

Christmas Carol Concert

Our annual Carol Concert at the Church on Oakwood is on Friday 19th December at 2pm. Parents and Grandparents are all welcome to come along. **Please note that all children must be in school uniform that day.**