



St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

NO 5

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Dear Parents

Thank you for attending Reading Day recently and for your comments on the parental feedback forms. Mrs James is in the process of analysing these to see if there is any further support that we can offer you.

KEY STAGE 1 DROP-OFF



On extremely wet and rainy days, the KS1 gate will be opened at 8.45am.

Parents may escort their children to the classroom door where the teacher will be waiting. Please do not come into the classroom as the teacher will be fully occupied with 29 other wet children! There will be plenty of other opportunities for you to visit the classrooms during the year.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH



As you know, our school Christmas lunch this year will be on Tuesday 7 December. If your child

normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a school lunch on that day, please return the slip, together with £2.00 in a clearly labelled envelope, by Friday 26 November.

If your child normally has a school lunch please make sure you still return the slip indicating their meal choice, but payment can be made in the normal way, during the week commencing 6 December. Extra forms are available from the school office.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair is always a very special event for our children. Gifts are sorted so that each class has a selection to choose from and items are priced from 20p to £2.00 maximum. The children come to school on Wednesday 15 December with their "small" change, a bag and a list of people they want to buy gifts for. We are in need of almost 2,000 small gifts, so please support the fair by sending in items that the children can buy. Donations do not need to be large or expensive - some coloured pencils tied in ribbon or homemade gifts are ideal. The HSA will be sending a separate letter with ideas to help you and there will be a display of appropriate items outside the school hall for you to come in and view. This is one of the many St Alban's traditions that make the years spent in our school a memorable experience.



JOLLY JAM JAR NON UNIFORM DAY - MONDAY 6 DECEMBER



On Monday 6 December we are holding a non-uniform day for jam jars. If the children would like to wear home clothes on that day then they may do so if they bring in a jam jar filled with something interesting we can sell at the Christmas Fair. The possibilities are endless but popular fillers include stationery, sweets, small toys, scrunchies, marbles.....etc....

CHOIR AT STANSTED HOUSE



Some of our school choir will be singing at the Christmas Festival at Stansted House on Friday 19 November at 6.00pm. The weekend festival opens on Friday evening and includes a Christmas market, festive foods and children's entertainment. Entry on Friday costs £3.00. All are welcome to come and support the choir and join in the festivities.

VISIT BY NEW BISHOP



On Sunday 5 December, our new Bishop, Christopher Foster, will be attending the service at St Alban's Church. Please can as many children as possible attend the 10.00am Eucharist on that day wearing their school uniform. Children from Year 6 will be reading prayers and I will be there as well to represent our school. It is important for the future of the school that Bishop Christopher is fully aware of the strong working relationship between the school and St Alban's Church.

LIBRARY NEWS



If any parents would still like to order books from the Scholastic or Puffin catalogues, please send in your orders and payment by

Friday 26 November.

The Reading Group from Year 5 have finished reading the six books for the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award and have voted for their favourite. Results will be announced in January. Well done to the twelve children who have taken part.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder that the after-school clubs finish this week, except for:

Tuesday Drama Club
Thursday Hockey (as previous letter)
Friday Band

HSA SHOPPING AND PAMPER EVENING



As you are all aware the HSA shopping evening is on Friday at 7.00pm. If you have not yet bought a ticket, but would still like to come you can pay on the door. Tickets cost £3.50 and include a glass of wine.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT FRATTON PARK



On Monday 13 December, 'Faith and Football' will once again be hosting carols at Portsmouth Football Club. The festivities will start at 6.00pm, with the Salvation Army Band and children's choirs leading the singing at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

POLLING DAY



We have once again been informed that the school will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 5 May 2011. The school will be closed and the children will therefore not need to attend on that day.

DIARY DATES

Mon 6 Dec	Non-Uniform Day (Jam Jars)
Tues 7 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Wed 8 Dec	KS2 Concert (afternoon)
Thurs 9 Dec	KS2 Concert (eve)
Mon 13 Dec	Y5/6 Party (pm)
Tues 14 Dec	KS1 Nativity (am)
	KS1 Party (pm)
Wed 15 Dec	Christmas Fair
Thurs 16 Dec	Y3/4 Party (am)
	Pantomime (pm)
Fri 17 Dec	Last Day of Term
	End of Term Eucharist
Tues 4 Jan	Children return to school

With best wishes

