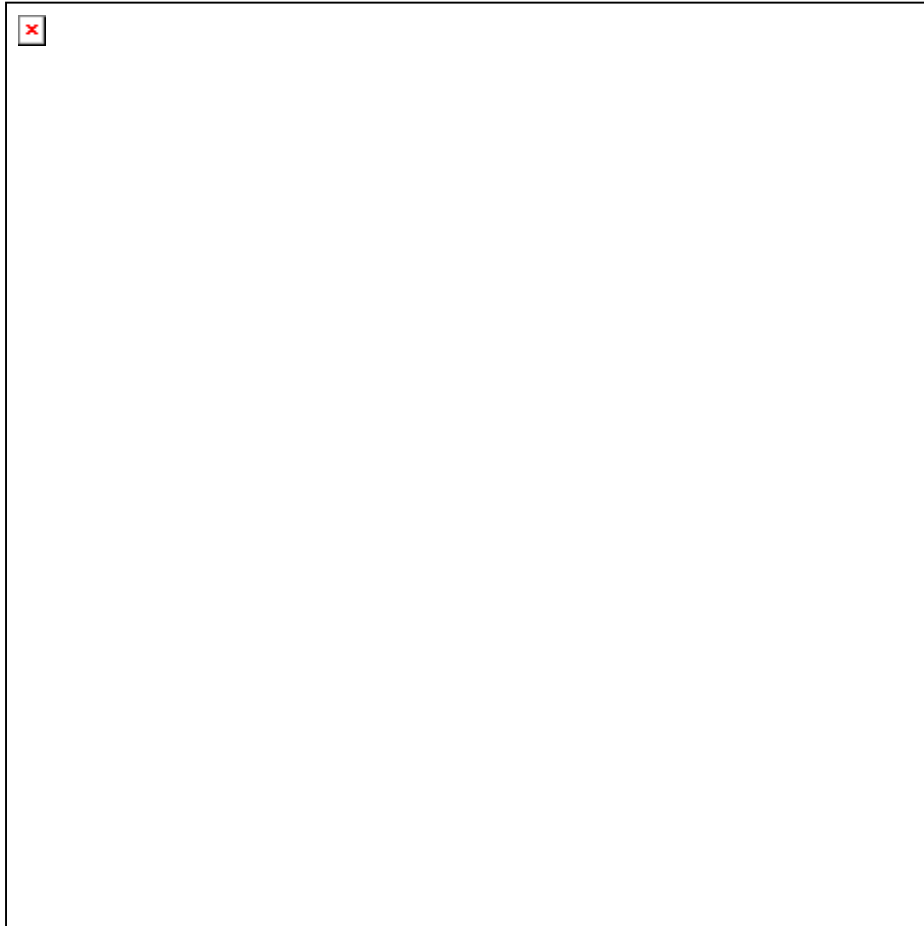


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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and that 2007 has started well for you. I look forward to catching up with you all over the coming few weeks in the playground.

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

Play Equipment

I'm sure you will have noticed the lovely new play equipment in the playground. This was all funded by FOSS so a very big thank you to everybody who made this possible. The children will have set class days when they can go on in to make it fair and safe. We do ask that children do not use the equipment before or after school. Our next project is to develop the pond area as an outside quiet area.

Mrs Law

Mrs Law will not be with us this half term, as she has had to spend some time in hospital. She is on the mend and sounds in good spirits. We all wish her a speedy recovery and can't wait to have her back on the team! Mr Owen

is teaching the class for this half term. He has worked with Mrs Law on the planning to ensure consistency for the class.

Church Mag

Mrs Taylor has got a photocopied sheet of activities that the children can complete at home. It follows the theme of her assembly that she shares with the children on Thursday. I have enclosed a copy with this newsletter but if you would like one weekly, please let the office know or your child can collect one from the display area in the hall.

School dinners

Just a quick reminder about the payments of school dinners. The menus go out every Friday and **MUST** be back in school on Tuesday. This is when the administration is completed on the orders and it makes lots of extra work for the office if money comes in after this. If your order is not received by the end of Tuesday, a meal will not be ordered for your child.

Education Sunday

This takes place on Sunday 4th February at 10.30am in Staplegrove church. We would like

it to be a real celebration and for lots of the school to be present. Please put this date in your diary. The school and church will be launching a joint project to raise £1700 to pay for a school in Africa on this day. I don't think we will be able to call it Staplegrove though!! On Saturday 3rd, Mrs Taylor and I will be running a special education Sunday workshop for the children where everyone is welcome. Details of times will follow later.

Healthy School status

Our new years resolution for the school is to become more healthy! At the end of last term, I reminded all children and parents that snacks at playtime need to be either fresh fruit or vegetables to provide one portion of the recommended 5 pieces a day. Please encourage your child to eat their fruit and vegetables to keep them healthy. Also children should have water in their water bottles and not squash although it is alright to have this for a lunch time drink.

I am currently working on our school travel plan which aims to encourage more children to walk or cycle to school. If you have any ideas or would like to be on a working group for this, please let me know. The school council came up with the idea of a walking

group that would mean children could walk together to school and I have enrolled us in a “wild about walking” initiative which starts after February half term. More details will follow.

Lunch time server

SCS who supply our school meals are looking for somebody to help serve up the meals at lunch time. The job is for 15 hours a week and is paid at £5.80 per hour. The job would be to transport meals to school, serve up and then return the dishes to St Augustines. Own transport is required but a travel allowance is given. If you are interested in this opportunity please come and see me so I can pass your details on to SCS.