

# Staplegrove C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2007! Next time you receive one, Christmas will all be a distant memory (hopefully a good one!) and we will be well in to 2008!

This is a lovely part of the school year and everything starts to get very exciting and sparkly!!! We hope your child has a really memorable school Christmas this year!

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson  
Headteacher

### Christmas Quiz

In an effort to raise some funds for the school, Jill and Rob Batstone have written another Christmas quiz. You will find a copy with this newsletter. If you want to enter the competition then please submit your completed quiz together with the £1 entry fee to either Jill Batstone or Miss Potter in Rowan class (full details on the quiz sheet)

If you feel you can sell some to the quizzes to family, friends or work colleagues please contact the school office and they will willingly supply you with further quiz sheets. All entries have to be returned by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

### Christmas Competition

Tina and Louise in Willow class have had the idea of a Christmas tree decoration competition. They want children to make a decoration that can be hung on a Christmas tree. There will be a prize for the best one in each class. The closing date of the competition will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December and the winners announced on the last day of term! The girls will be speaking to each class this week to explain more to the children! Please support this event which has been suggested by Tina and Louise, it should be really fun!

### Money for nothing!

If you are an internet shopper please can I ask you to use this "skill" to make money for our school. There is website called [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) which will make donations to schools if people access other sites through them. There is no additional cost to your purchases and all of the main companies are supporting this including Next, M and S, Comet, Amazon, Direct line to name but a few. There are hundreds of companies registered. All you need to do is type in the site above, search for the cause which is "Staplegrave Primary School" and then access your usual shopping site. For each purchase completed like this, they will send a cash donation to the school!! Shopping to support a school: what better excuse do you need to spend money!

### Christmas post!

The Christmas post box will be located in the entrance lobby outside the office from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please encourage your children to post their cards in here and they will be delivered by year 6 monitors in the afternoon.

### Christmas card design

Well done to Rebecca Rogers and Caitlin Chown who entered the Gazette Christmas Card competition this year. Their designs were highly commended by the judges!

### Children in Need

Thank you to all of the parents who sent in cakes for the Children in Need cake sale! This and the non school uniform money raised a massive £202.71 for the charity. This whole event was organised by Beth Littlejohns, Chloe Peters and Dulcia Sweet so a big well done goes to these year 5 pupils.

### School Council

Our school council elections have now taken place and councillors have been elected in all classes apart from Elm.

The councillors are

Jack Rigby-Willow, Natasha Wilson-Cedar, Lucy Bailey-Oak, William Dedman-Cherry, Evan Chase-Rowan and Owen Mercer-Beech.

These children will meet with myself or a member of staff regularly to share and action ideas for improvements suggested by their peers. It is a very important job so well done to these children for being voted in by their class!

### Update on FOSS

Thank you to all of you who responded to the letter I sent about supporting FOSS. We had a good response and lots of offers to help at the various events. I will be notifying the parents who have volunteered to be the class reps separately and we will try and arrange a meeting this side of Christmas.

### Parking outside school

We really do benefit from the goodwill of the people who live near the school. They keep an eye out for anything unusual that takes place when the school is shut as part of the neighbourhood watch scheme. They also can be influential when talking to others about our school so we want them to paint a positive picture. To this end, I ask again that you respect their property and DO NOT park across their drive ways, it is not fair and is also illegal.

### Football results!

Congratulations to our school football team who are currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the Central Venue League. The top two teams go through to play against other groups of schools. The team are Ryan Hall, Harrison Law, Cameron Hellier, Jesse Mooney, Archie Walton, Tom Arthur, Charlie Lewis, Joe Morris and Callum Oswick . A special thank you goes to Mr Sullivan who coaches the team and enables them to take part in this event.

### No Smoking!

As I am sure you are all aware, the smoking ban came into place during the summer of this year. All County Council sites, obviously including our school have had this rule in place for a long time. Our "No Smoking" policy is available on our website.

### Fund for Bangladesh

Kanis in Rowan class has been very concerned about the people in Bangladesh who have lost their homes in the terrible storms. She is making a collection for these people. If you would like to contribute to this fund, A collection pot is available in the school office or your contributions can be sent in a marked envelope to the school office.

### Outside pergoda

I am sure you have all noticed (it is very difficult to miss!)our fantastic outside classroom that is located on the old pond site. It is very nearly finished and will be a tremendous resource for our children to use, both at playtime and in classtime. A huge thank you goes to Louisa and Duncan Sweet(and their children) who have worked tirelessly over the weekends at this project supported by Sean Walton, Neil Palmer, Simon Mooney, Martin Nelson and Mike Chase. A big thank you also goes to Mrs Walton (senior!) for the never ending tea supply!

### Christmas dates

Our Christmas performance will take place on the evening of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. It will take place outside in the playground and tickets will be sent out next week. Refreshments will be available afterwards and a collection will be taken for our "Classroom for Africa" If weather is bad, we will postpone until the following night!

Elm class will perform a separate Nativity play and this will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. They will also be showing it to the Evergreen club from the church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the same time.

Father Christmas will be in the school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December and our whole school Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

The last day of term will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and will end with a special collective worship around the Christmas tree in the hall. Parents are welcome to join us! Timings will be confirmed at a later date!

