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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and that the New Year has started well for you. I'm sure you have heard about the excitement we had on the last day of term with Miss Triggol being proposed to in our special Collective Worship by Martin!! We are all very happy for them both and wish them every happiness in the future!! Congratulations Miss Triggol!!

I look forward to catching up with you all over the coming weeks in the playground.

Kind Regards,

Kirsti Nelson

Headteacher

Christmas Quiz

In the December issue of our Newsletter, I mentioned the Christmas Quiz that has been organised by Jill and Rob Batstone. The closing date is Friday 11th January, so hurry up and get your entry together with the £1 entry fee to either Jill Batstone or Miss Potter in Rowan class (full details on the quiz sheet).

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!!!

Classroom for Africa

On Education Sunday, last February, we started our "Classroom for Africa" project, with St Johns Church, in which we aimed to raise £1700. Various activities and collections have taken place throughout the year including all collections at our Christmas celebrations and I am really pleased to announce that we hit our target on the last day of the Autumn term!! Well done and thank you to everybody who has been involved.

Money for nothing!

So far we have raised £30 for the school through people using this site to do their on line shopping. Please remember to go on to this site first and then access your internet shop via Staplegrove Primary school as the cause. It will cost you nothing but a contribution is made to the school! On the site yesterday was the offer that if you do your car insurance through a certain company, the company will make a £30 contribution!! The website is called www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Service Children

The school census is a statutory data collection for all schools. The Department for Children, Schools and Families have now requested that we keep a record on the school database of all children who have a parent or parents who are Service Personnel. This includes parents serving in regular HM Forces military units of all forces and exercising parental care and responsibility. Please could you notify the School Office if this applies to your child, we are aware of most children for which this applies but are required to obtain confirmation from parents. Thankyou.

Tescos Vouchers- a reminder!!

If you have any Tescos tokens still lying around at home, please can you send them into school by Friday 11th January so we can add them to our total. After this date, they cannot be counted.

Mend fitness club

A leaflet will come home with this newsletter to Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils about a new fun club that is taking place at The Castle School. It supports healthy life styles and children who have already participated in the exercise sessions have become a lot fitter, healthier and happier. Please take the time to look at the leaflet to see if your child will benefit from it.

School Performance.

I am not sure if you will have seen the performance tables published in the Gazette just before Christmas. These showed the Value added scores of the schools in this areas, based on the SATs results for May 2007. Our valued added was 100.9 which put us fourth in Taunton- a real achievement of which we are very proud!!! The new School Profile which replaces the Annual Report to Parents by the Governors has reference to this information and is published on the school website!! I hope you will have a look!

School Reports

As a school we will be looking to revise our school report format this year. I would like to hear your views on how you would like your child's progress reported. I am holding a parent forum meeting on Wednesday 6th February at 6pm. More information will follow later.

Severe Weather

At this time of year, we need to be prepared for possible bad weather conditions. Children should all come to school with a jumper and a warm coat and when we experience icy or snowy conditions, Mr Hendry do his best to clear or de-ice the footpaths around the school buildings.

In the event of severe weather, every effort will be made to keep the school open, even if only limited numbers can attend. The school phone will have a message recorded on it to inform you if the school is to be closed. It will also be announced on our local radio station, Orchard FM.

Sickness Bug

A reminder of School Policy - if your child is sick or suffers from diarrhoea, (especially at this time of year with the Norovirus) children must not return to School for at least 24 hours after the last vomiting or diarrhoea episode.

Where a child is on anti-biotics, they must have completed 3 days of the course before returning to School. Only then can a course of anti-biotics be administered by a trained First Aider, this must be a measured dose, clearly labelled with the child's name and class and dosage details including time to be taken. Thankyou.

Child Illness

If your child is ill or will be absent from School for a medical appointment, please leave a message on the school voice mail by 8.30 a.m. This will help us to get the messages to the relevant member of staff for registration. The school has a duty of care to phone up and check up where a child is, if no message has been received, to ensure their safety. We hope you understand that this is just procedure and because we take our duty very seriously.

Please remember to leave a message cancelling lunch and Grovers after-school club bookings in order that a refund can be arranged, this will not be possible if we are not notified on time.

Contact Numbers

If you have had a new mobile phone for Christmas or have changed numbers please remember to tell the School Office of your new number for contact purposes.

School Uniform

Please can all School Uniform be clearly labelled with your Child's name as the School Office receives a lot of items not marked –this includes other items such as water bottles. This will make returning lost property easier.

Children should preferably be wearing a sweatshirt with a school logo (as available from The National Schoolwear Shop) or a navy blue smart sweatshirt. A reminder of the School Policy with regard to jewellery and hair accessories –the children can wear one pair of plain studded earrings and one watch which they will need to remove for any P.E. lesson, a plain hairband or plain clips preferably navy blue or black can be worn. Thank you.

Football Team

The School football team played on Tuesday at the Taunton Play-Offs at Castle School, they did really well and came 4th out of 6 teams – this is exceptional when you bear in mind that the majority of our team are Year 5 and Year 4 pupils, playing against other schools with mostly Year 6 pupils and that we had already beaten 12 other teams to reach the play-offs. Well done Staplegrove Team and your supporters and Coach –Mr Sullivan.

Staplegrove Table Olympics

We are about to launch our Staplegrove Times Tables Olympics in Cherry, Oak, Cedar and Willow Classes ! The children will have the opportunity to be awarded Bronze, Silver, Gold, Olympic and Champion stickers for their attainment in learning tables. Please help support your child with this activity.