

# Staplegrove C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last newsletter before Christmas; I can't believe another year has gone by and we are once again singing carols and preparing for Christmas in school. I'm sure I will catch up with you between now and the end of term but if for any reason I don't, I wish you a happy Christmas and exciting 2009!

Kind regards

Kirsti Nelson

#### URGENT ! FOSS Christmas Raffle Tickets –return please

We desperately need all raffle tickets to be returned as soon as possible. This is an important fund-raising event in our school calendar and we rely heavily on the funds to support the School and activities for your children. This is your opportunity to support the work of FOSS even if you are unable to be an active member on the Committee. The Christmas raffle will be draw at the Chocolate bingo event. All draw tickets need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Parking on Hudson Way

We have had several upset neighbours of the school coming in recently as their driveways have been blocked by parents dropping children off in the morning and picking them up at the end of the day. On one occasion the neighbour was needing to get out to go to a cancer treatment session and on another, a nurse was unable to get out of her drive and was late for her shift at Musgrove. A driveway should never been blocked for any reason, no matter how short the amount of time as the situations arising can never be predicted. I can imagine the frustration I would feel if this happened outside my house, particularly if I needed to get to work or an appointment. I'm sure you would feel the same. The PSCO has advised neighbours to note down registrations of any offending cars and to report these to the police. Please be considerate it is common courtesy, thank you.

#### New school letterbox

There is a new school letter box for any internal mail that you may need to drop off at the school office. This is for things such as permission slips, dinner money, Grovers bookings forms or other monies. This should reduce the waiting time outside the office at busy times. The letterbox is secure and has a locked box on the inside so all monies will be secure until the office staff can action it.

#### Father Christmas visit

Father Christmas will be visiting our school on Monday 15th December (the same day as the FS and KS1 party) A further letter will be sent home next week so that you can request if your child would like the opportunity to meet him in person!

### FOSS Chocolate Bingo / Non-Uniform Day

Just a reminder, that the FOSS chocolate bingo will be taking place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December in school. This will be a non-school uniform day and we are asking that everybody brings a donation of a £1.

### Parent election result

Congratulations to Dave Arthur who has been elected as Parent Governor in the last election. Dave was elected unopposed and has commenced his term of office. We also welcome Mandi Rees as an Associate Governor. Thank you to both of them for showing this support to the school.

### Extra INSET day

Just another reminder that the school will be closed to pupils for an additional INSET day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009 as mentioned in the separate letter sent out on 19<sup>th</sup> November. This is for specialised staff training.

### HULA-THON –please return your sponsor money

Thank you to all the pupils who have returned their sponsor money on time. One child in Beech Class managed to raise over £80 on their own –which is exceptional, thank you very much ! A polite reminder to anybody who has not yet handed in their money, to return your sponsor money to the School Office by this Friday 4 December so we can count the total amount raised. So far it stands at over £550 !

### Workforce reforms OFSTED Inspection

In October, our school was subject to an OFSTED survey inspection to look at the impact of workforce reforms on our school. This is not as important as a full inspection like the one we had in February but is still published on the OFSTED website. It still grades the school against various standards and I am delighted to inform you that once again we were judged as a good school with outstanding features (although this time there were even more outstanding ones than in February!!) The full report is available on the OFSTED website and on our school website.

### Taunton Uniform Shop

Taunton uniform shop is prepared to stock “Staplegrave Logo” fleeces and wet weather coats if there was enough demand. I have seen a sample and the items are very good quality and would be a good option for school outside wear. I need to know if there would be any interest from parents in this venture so I can instruct the shop to get them in stock. The fleeces are £11.50 and the mistral jacket is £13.50, both have the school logo on them.

Please complete the attached slip by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December if you would like me to go ahead with this.

### Quality Carpets

We have received a flier from "Jason Thompson Quality Carpets" who are based on the Business Park off Bindon Road. He offers quality carpets at trade prices. If any sale is made to a family from our school, Jason will donate 10% of any profit to the school. Something to bear in mind if you are revamping your house in the New Year. His number is 07812 858561 or 01823 279018.

### Last day of term celebrations

We will be going over to the church for our Christmas service led by Reverend Kivett on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30a.m. This is always a lovely end to the term and all parents are welcome to attend.

In the afternoon we will have our in-school worship to celebrate the end of term which will be based on a Christingle service led by Mrs Taylor. This will be at 2 o'clock and again, everybody is welcome to come and join us for this celebration. I can assure you there will be no surprise announcements made at this service as there was last year!!! (remember Miss Triggol's proposal!!!) We will be sending home the Christingle collection candles in the next week. These can either be brought in for our service in the afternoon or taken to the Christingle service that will take place on Christmas Eve at St Johns church.

### Christmas Letterbox

The postbox is available at the School Office for internal Christmas Cards (please do not use the new outside postbox). Year 6 will be delivering your cards on a daily basis, the last day for posting is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, thank you.

### Open Door Event

St Mary Magdalene Church is inviting people to visit the church on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December between 10.00a.m-6.00pm. This is a special day to light a candle and write a prayer request for somebody you would like to remember. There is contribution of £1 that will go towards the Open Door Charity to support the homeless people of Taunton.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December they also invite you to join in the big paper chain event. The aim is to make a paper chain that will encircle the church. Paper chains are available for a £1 donation and this can be done between 9.00-4.00pm. All the money will go to Open Door.

### Miss Moneagle

Miss Moneagle has now started her maternity leave, we wish her all the very best and hope she enjoys her last few weeks of freedom before her baby arrives. We will of course keep you informed !