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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!! I hope 2009 will bring you all you wish for! The Christmas celebrations seem a distant memory now but I must say that both performances and the lovely Christingle service we had to end the term really did start the holidays off in a very special way.

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

Baby News!!!

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that a new Staplegrove baby was born at 2 o'clock on the morning of 6th January! Kirsty Moneagle had a baby girl called Grace Elizabeth weighing 6lb and 11oz. Both Mum, Dad and baby Grace are doing well. Congratulations Miss Moneagle, hopefully we will look forward to Grace starting at Staplegrove in 2013 maybe !

Mr Sullivan

Mr Sullivan was away from school at the end of last term and unfortunately won't be back with us until at least half term. We are very fortunate that Cedar class is being taught by Miss Ali Hall who is doing a fabulous job for us and who has taken on the position with great enthusiasm and skill. We have sent our best wishes to Mr Sullivan and hope he is feeling more like his old self really soon.

Christmas generosity

Thank you so much for your generosity during our Christmas celebrations. It is an important message for our children that they can help those who are less fortunate than themselves. Our Christingle candles raised £107.10 for Children society and our collections after the performances raised £200 for Open Door.

Bags for Schools

In the next couple of weeks we will be sending out the blue bags for our Bags for Schools collection. We ask that all the bags are put in the outside classroom on Wednesday 25th February by 9.30a.m to ensure they are there for collection time. Last time our collection raised £140 for the school which is excellent.

First aid procedure

At this time of the year there are lots of nasty bugs going round and in a school environment, they can spread like wildfire. To help our school stay healthy it is essential that children stay off school until they are properly well enough to return. If your child has an episode of "D and V" they must stay off school for a full 48 hours. If your child was sick at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon for example, they will not be clear until 3 o'clock on Wednesday making their return to school, Thursday. This is a

change to the existing practice which is recommended for Schools from the Health Protection Agency.

We have also taken advice about our procedure for allowing children back after the start of a course of antibiotics. It is still felt that if a child is ill enough to be put on a course of antibiotics they should have enough time to get well in a home environment where their progress can be monitored carefully and this might be as much as three days. However we are now changing the regulation to allow children back into school after they have had a full 24 hours with the antibiotics and as long as they are well in themselves. Children who are clearly not well enough to be in School will be sent home. School Staff will administer antibiotics for your child, which must be a measured dose which is clearly labelled, but we will need you to complete a medication form giving us permission to do so.

Football news!

At the end of last term, our football team competed in the Central Venue League at Castle School. As ever, the boys were a real credit to our school and worked really hard in all their matches. A big thank you goes to Mrs Law(office) and Mr Morris who took the children in Mr Sullivan's absence. The team were Archie Walton, Callum Oswick, Harrison Law, Joe Morris, Jesse Mooney and Tom Arthur who worked even harder than usual as they had to play without any substitutes.

Our team were in action last week as well, this time joined by two substitutes, Cameron Hellier and Jordan Watts. A big thank you to Mr Nolan who was in charge of our team and to Mrs Law for being in charge of the organisation!

Staplegrove Beavers

There is a Beaver group running in Staplegrove. It is for girls and boys aged 6 to 8 years old and is full of fun activities and adventure! The group meets on Tuesday evenings between 6.00 and 7.15pm at the scout hut. If you are interested in your child starting Beavers, please contact Mark on 01823 276888.

Staplegrove Rainbows and Brownies

Our Rainbow group runs for girls between 5 and 7 years old in the school hall on Wednesday evenings from 5pm until 6pm. The group take part in a range of fun activities and games that are supervised by qualified leaders. If you are interested in your child becoming a Rainbow please contact Bea Barrington on 01823 277701.

The school also has Brownie packs that meet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the school hall. Please contact Tina Brownlow for more details on 01823 288428.

Education Sunday service.

Each year, the church celebrates the life in schools with an Education Sunday service. This year, this will take place on Sunday 1st March. We hope that there will be

a good representation of members of Staplegrove C of E Primary School at this service, especially our prefects! This service will incorporate "Thinking Day" for the Guide and Scout movements so it would be brilliant if the children could come in their school uniform to parade with the Scouts and Guides.

Mothering Sunday workshop

Kate Taylor and I will be running a workshop for Mothering Sunday on Saturday 21st March. This will take place in the hall between 2.30pm and 5pm and the children will have the opportunity to do some art activities and prepare a special tea for their mums who will be invited to join us at 4pm. More details will follow later with a booking form. If you are able to help at this event please contact Mrs Taylor or see Mrs Law or Mrs Scribbins in the School Office.

Warning

I have been notified that a needle was found in the bushes out on the playing field by the side of the school. Often when our children who live in the locality are out, they are playing in and out of this area. Please talk to them to make them aware of what they need to do if one is found. The local community police officer has been notified.

Appointments and late arrivals to School

A reminder please that all children should be in the playground by 8.50am ready for wake and shake. Children will be counted as late if they arrive after 8.55am. If families are persistently late with children arriving at School you will receive a letter from Mrs Nelson and the details will need to be passed to the Education Attendance Officer. It is important for children to start the School day on time as late arrivals disrupt not only your child's education but that of the whole class.

It is preferable for children to attend dentist and doctors appointments outside of school hours, although it is understood that some hospital appointments are only available during the school day. Please could you avoid appointments during school hours if at all possible, thank you.

Request for small glass jars

If you have any small sized glass jars e.g. mustard or sauce jars please could you bring them into the School Office for Mrs Scribbins. Thank you.

Free Cricket Coaching – Year 5 and 6 Pupils

Taunton Cricket Club are offering free cricket coaching for Year 5 and 6 boys and girls at their new indoor sports hall at Gypsy Lane. To be held on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February between 10.00am to 12.00pm. Further details and booking forms will be sent home to relevant pupils next week.