

# Staplegrove C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term and managed to enjoy some quality family time. I must say that it is always good to have the additional hour when the clocks change but it definitely takes time getting used to the dark evenings!!

Kind regards

Kirsti Nelson

### Office Monitors

Our 2008/09 office monitors have been appointed and trained now. They have started their duties and will be running the office every lunchtime. The office monitors are:-

Natasha Wilson, Marcus Sebastianelli, Ellie McKay, Jake Bradnam, Florence Sebastianelli, Rhys Coates, Georgia Ardren, Harrison Law, Bethany Hall and Damon Rawson. Katie Jones and Logan Hutchings are our reserve Office Monitors who cover in case of absence.

### Tempest Photos

Tempest Photographers will be in school from 8.30a.m tomorrow on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November to take family portraits. If you would like your children to be photographed with siblings who are not at the school (or with yourselves!!), please come to the school hall at 8.30am. Children will have their photos taken individually and with siblings in other classes during the school day and the photographs will be ready for you to give as that special Christmas present!

### Botham Charity Walk

It was very kind that so many people supported our collection in aid of Leukaemia on the day of Sir Ian Botham's charity walk through Taunton. Our school raised £62.98 in our collection tins!!

### Reminder of Sponsored Hula Event

Just a reminder of the sponsored hula that will be taking place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November! We hope you can help your child collect as many sponsors as they can ! We are aiming to raise £1,000 so every penny counts!! Please ensure the forms are handed in by this date with the money to be collected as soon as possible after the event. Thank you.

### Healthy lunchbox promotion!

Tomas Thirwall, Ross Ashley, Ben Walford and Mollie Bennett, 4 children in Oak class have decided that they would like to run a healthy lunchbox scheme to encourage healthy eating for KS1 children. They are going to give stickers to children who have a healthy lunchbox and when they have gained 10 stickers, they will receive a certificate. A separate letter from these four children will follow shortly. They plan for it to start in December.

### School Choir

Mrs Banks and the School Choir sang at Monkton Elm Garden Centre this Monday evening – they did the School proud. The Choir were invited to the opening of Monkton Elm's Christmas Extravaganza, Staplegrove was the only School which attended the event. Thanks to parents for supporting their children. Congratulations and thanks to all pupils involved and to Mrs Banks for her hard work in leading the Choir.

### Guinness Book of Records –Big Sing

The School Choir is taking part in the Big Sing. We will be joining thousands of other school children across the Country via internet links on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, during the School Day. The children will be singing live with Des'ree from the O2 in London and attempting to break the Guinness World Record for the largest simultaneous sing. We will put photographs on the website after the event.

### Fish tank for sale

Large fish tank for sale. Any reasonable offer considered ! Please see Mrs Scribbins in the School Office if you are interested.

### Scanner for sale

Scanner with leads and instructions for use for sale. Any reasonable offer considered. Again please see Mrs Scribbins in the School Office if you are interested.

### Morrison's Vouchers

We have smashed our target of 1,700 Morrison's tokens that we needed for a greenhouse (current total is over 4,800 !!) and will now be able to get additional tools and materials that will really kick start our Staplegrove garden and vegetable patch! A really big thank you to everyone for supporting this cause.

### Christmas Child

The church is running their Christmas child project at the moment and are looking for as much support as possible. The project involves filling a shoe box with the essential goods that will help a child somewhere in the world have a better Christmas. Information is available in the school office- please help.

## Events for December

A reminder of the following school events for December :

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	FOSS Chocolate Bingo and Raffle
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm FOSS Cake Sale – Oak and Cherry Classes
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm Elm, Beech and Rowan Christmas Production
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm Cherry, Oak, Cedar and Willow Christmas Production
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm Cherry, Oak, Cedar and Willow Christmas Production 3.45pm Elm, Beech and Rowan Christmas Production
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FS and KS1 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Dinner – all pupils can order a meal (details will be sent out nearer the time)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Church Service and last day of term

More details will follow for the Christmas Productions in due course.

Please note that for the Christmas Parties children will not need a packed lunch or school meal as they always join in with a shared party lunch. The party food lists will be organised by each class.

### Breaking News !!! (Have you all been good ?)

Mrs Nelson is in discussion with Father Christmas for a date for his visit to Staplegrave. A letter will be sent home with more details.

### School Holiday Request

The School Holiday Request form has now been put onto the School Website. If it becomes necessary for you to take a holiday in term time, please download this form from the website, under the Information, Documents section and return it to the School Office for action.