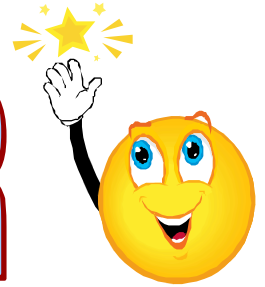




NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 8th JANUARY 2010 – ‘GOING FOR GOALS’

Dear Parents and Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I have decided to trial a Friday newsletter so that you have more warning of events the following week. This is dependent on us being organized with information well in advance – hence it is a trial! The newsletter will continue to appear promptly on the website if your child does not bring one home. As a green school, I would like to move to only sending out paper copies on request, but this is for a future trial. A head teacher friend of mine made this change and is convinced nobody now reads the newsletter! Let me know your thoughts.

It has been quite a difficult start back and many thanks to staff, some of whom have struggled to get into school. The children have enjoyed the snow and have, on the whole been very well behaved. We have had some extremely creative snowmen:



LAST TERM UPDATE OF EVENTS

At the Christmas Fair we raised over £1000!! A massive thank you to everyone who supported this event – it was a huge success!

The end of last term was very busy and we have done a staff review of all the events. Thank you for all the lovely comments about the KS2 service at St. Mary's. Many people found it very moving. Thank you especially to those who contributed to the refreshments and helped at the discos.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Years 2 and 3 will be working with Creative Partnerships' practitioners, Nicky Rafferty and Steve Stickley on Thursdays.

We will also welcome three teaching students in to school for their teaching practices.

14.01.10	4.30pm Strategic Development Committee.
21.01.10	5pm Finance and General Purposes Committee.
25.01.10	Assessment Week
28.01.10	5pm P & P Committee.
02.02.10	Y1 to Mansfield Museum
11.02.10	Y2 to Brewhouse Yard am
12.02.10	<u>INSET Day and break up for half term.</u>
22.02.10	Return to school
24.02.10)	Parents' Evenings (times to follow)
25.02.10)	Parents' Evenings Footprints Theatre Company – 'Donkey Days'
01.03.10	Barnardo's fund raiser
08.03.10	Partake Theatre Company Y5/6
19.03.10	Y6 Time Travelling.
23.03.10	'Godly play' Years R,1,4,5,6

FRIENDS' NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the school Christmas disco, especially Trev Roberts of TC's disco for the kind donation of his time and equipment. The disco raised £440.00. Next 'Friends' meeting is 12th Jan at 8pm at the Magna Charta.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of school dinners has gone up in January to £1.95 per day (£9.75 per week)
Half Term – 28 days x £1.95 = £54.60
Full Term – 53 days x £1.95 = £103.35
Please pay by cheque if possible – cheques to be made payable to **NOTTS COUNTY COUNCIL**.

SALSA CLASSES – Why not try something new for the new year?

Salsa dance classes will be held at school from Thursday, 14th January 2010. The cost for a 10 week beginners' course is £40. Please contact Jo on 07812 060733 or email juanapearson@hotmail.com to book your place! Leaflets are available from the school office. Classes are for adults.

MEAL AT THE LAMBLEY

'Friends' are organizing another Lambley night. It is on Tuesday 2nd Feb 2010. the cost is £15.00 for 3 courses of which a contribution will go to the school. A raffle will also be run on the night. A £5.00 deposit will be required. All welcome (men and ladies) – the more the merrier! Please contact Sarah Anderson for further details.

Clubs

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		
Tuesday	Sewing Club for Y2 Orchestra	
Wednesday		Spanish for Years 3 and 4
Thursday	KS2 Choir	KS1 multi sports from 21 st Jan
Friday	Homework Y6 Book Club	

We are still interested to hear from anyone who would like to run a club. We are open to suggestions – any sports/ hobbies. A CRB check is needed, but Mrs Murden will guide you through this process!

NOTICES FROM THE STAFF

CRB CHECKS – Forms have been sent out to all Friends members and Parents/helpers who come in to school. Please complete and return these with your original documents **NEXT MONDAY AT THE LATEST** as they must be sent off to NCC. Please see Mrs Murden/Mrs Royston with any queries. If your form is not returned you will be unable to continue to help out at school.

PARKING – This has improved a little. Please remain vigilant and help us to police this as dangerous parking in the dusk/snow/ice could cause a major accident.

JEWELLERY - (apart from small stud earrings) is NOT permitted in school. In addition, make-up and nail polish is not permitted.

UNIFORM – Correct uniform should be worn at all times. Please ensure it is labelled – all named items were returned to the owners, but unnamed items were disposed of at the end of term.

MOBILE PHONES. Please note that mobile phones are not allowed in school.

HEALTHY EATING POLICY. In line with the Policy for lunches and snacks, sweets should not be brought into school. Please try an alternative healthy option. Please could you also ensure that a spoon is provided for yogurts etc.

MUSIC TUITION – Mr Svenne (keyboard Teacher) is still poorly but lessons will continue from next week with Jenny Lismore.

The new Woodwind Teacher, Mr Smith will commence lessons next Thursday afternoon. Credits for missed lessons from next term will be deducted from the next bills which will be sent out next week.

EASY FUNDRAISING

We have recently registered with the above company – you can buy goods from your favourite retailers on the internet and at no extra cost raise money for school – please take a look at the website – www.easyfundraising.org.uk

If you are concerned about anything please let us know by popping in to school or phoning or emailing us:-

admin@lowdham.notts.sch.uk
head@lowdham.notts.sch.uk

You can also let us know if you are pleased with how things are going.

Mrs Rattenberry

If we need to close, the announcement will appear on the 'Latest news', notice board section of the website*. We will also inform local radio stations. The main reasons for closure are if enough staff cannot get in or if there are problems with the site (eg the heating). A decision to close is never taken lightly and is a last resort.

* www.lowdhamprimaryschool.co.uk