



Newsletter

12th November



Good as New – Saturday's 'Good as New' was another triumph for the PTA, with over £300 being raised towards the new Community Classroom. However, the success of this event cannot be measured only in financial gain; it is a true community service, where 80% of the sale price goes to the vendor and where high quality and reasonable priced items can be purchased. Thank you very much to Lisa Reid, Sue Teague and the team, who worked really hard on the run up to Friday, setting up, organising and clearing up at the end. Thank you also to the helpers and to the people who kindly baked lovely cakes for the occasion. Unsold items that were donated to charity were very well received by Samaritan's Purse and a Housing Association project - vendors were extremely generous.

Two Feet were very happy with the response to their service and we will be following this up by arranging a time for their next visit, so that it can become a regular service.

Shoe boxes and Poppies - As is usual for this school, the response to both of these collections has been fantastic. Over 100 shoe boxes were donated and a great deal of thought had obviously gone into filling them. The Samaritan's Purse collectors were delighted. I think that the recent press reports about soldiers being killed and wounded in Afghanistan has brought home the relevance of Remembrance to the children this year. There have been some outstanding contributions to discussions in class and the children have treated the occasion with great respect and thought.

"Bowdon Church School PTA Business Networking Group" – a reminder to anyone who would be interested in getting involved in the business networking group, specifically linked to Bowdon Church School PTA. This is aimed at working Mums and Dads with a business interest; whether they are currently employed, self-employed or unemployed, and any other member of the PTA at Bowdon Church School with a business interest. The aim is to build a mixed group of business professionals who wish to meet up on a regular basis and to 'do business locally' with people they know, like and trust.



If you are interested or you have any questions, please join the consultation meeting on **Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm** at The Griffin Pub in Bowdon. Please contact either Kathryn Shepherd-Jones by email / mobile (kathryn@stratavista.com / 07779 888 421), or feel free to just turn up on the night.



PTA Christmas Fair Update, Saturday 5th December, 12 – 3pm - The Christmas fair is taking place on Saturday 5th December this year. Whilst some people have volunteered to help, we **still need more**. How can you help?

- **Manning a stall/game** - Your PTA class reps will each have a list of all of the stalls and games – please contact them if you are able to help on the day for 1.5 hours (to man a stall or to help tidy up afterwards). We are hoping that each class will take responsibility for a particular stall/game. Alternatively, contact Nikki, Helen or Alyson on the numbers below.
- **Helping to set up on Friday during the day/Saturday morning (or tidying away afterwards)** – please contact Nikki Geddes on 0797 661 9648; Helen Robinson on 0777 453 0025 or Alyson Wilson on 0787 670 7333.
- **The 'Big Christmas Bake'** - our home made baking stall is always a great success, donations for this stall can be made on Friday 4th December (fairy cakes, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings – anything you can turn your hand do, all gratefully received).

The day can only be successful with your help – the children really look forward to it, and funds are going towards the new building work for the school, so please, do get in touch.



'Cello – We had a superb 'Cello assembly last Thursday, where the enthusiasm and dedication of the children (and the parents) was clearly apparent. What a fantastic standard is being achieved by such young children, it really is quite exceptional. Our grateful thanks go to Jo Wallington, who has not only a great gift for teaching but is able to cajole, encourage and inspire the children to greatness. I am certain that these children are going to have a life-long love of music and several could well aspire to a musical career. Well done everyone.

Christmas Cards – We have been asked to draw your attention to the charity Christmas Card Shops, where all of the money paid goes to the charities (over 50 are represented) rather than the small percentage given by the supermarkets. These are taking place at Altrincham Library on Monday 30th November, Hale Library on the 16th November and the 12th December and Sale on the 24th November.

Library – Although the room is still basic, we need to set up a temporary library in the Breakfast Club room. Once the club moves into the new Community Classroom, we can make the room into a lovely library, but for now we must just make do. Is anyone able to spare an hour or two on the morning of Friday 20th November? Mrs Platts is heading up a working party to re-label books and set up the shelves. Please see Mrs Platts for details.

Children in Need (Friday 20th November) – The children enjoy participating in this day and we have decided that following the success of the pyjama day, we will dress up again! This time the teachers are going to dress as school children and we would like the children to dress suitably for what they would like to be when they are 'grown up.' There will be a prize for the outfit that has been given the most thought in each class. Children should bring a £1 donation on the day.



Holiday information from last week – I confused people last week by saying that we would only be having one week's holiday at the Spring half-term next year. By that I meant in the next school year 2010 – 2011, therefore in 2011 we will only be having 1 week. The holiday for 2010 has already been set as two weeks. I hope that this did not cause any concern.

Dates for this half-term

Thursday 12 th November	Y3P Class Assembly 9.05am, 10.20am
Friday 20 th November	Children in Need
Friday 4 th December	Own clothes day – bring adult tombola prize for Christmas Fair
Friday 4 th December	Reception and Y1/2 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsals (morning)
Saturday 5 th December	Christmas Fair 12 – 3pm
Monday 7 th December	Reception Nativity for the Juniors (morning)
Tuesday 8 th December	Y1/2 Nativity for the Juniors (morning)
	Reception Nativity for parents/carers 1.45pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Y1/2 Nativity for parents/carers 1.45pm
Thursday 10 th December	Y1/2 Nativity for parents/carers 1.45pm (no toddlers please)
Friday 11 th December	Y1/2 Nativity for parents/carers 9.15am
Monday 14 th December	Junior rehearsal at church – walking help please (morning)
	Y3/4 Christmas party (afternoon)
Tuesday 15 th December	Junior rehearsal at church – walking help please (morning)
	Y2 party (afternoon)
	Junior Carol Service (at church) 7pm
Weds 16 th December	Y5/6 party (afternoon)
Thursday 17 th December	Reception/Y1 party (afternoon)
Friday 18 th December	Finish 1pm - Own Clothes Day
	donations to The AAIR Charity , Children's Asthma research