



Newsletter

10th December 2009



Christmas Fair – first of all a huge thank you for everyone who made the Christmas Fair such a great success. So many people contributed – those who brought in cakes, helped on the day, helped to clear away etc. and particularly the organising committee, for whom it had become a full time job. What a fantastic achievement! The atmosphere was wonderful and so many people have commented on how much they enjoyed it. Of course raising money for the Community Classroom was the motivation and the amazing amount of £4,300 was raised but really the best part of it all was the smiling faces, the children's expressions as they promised Father Christmas that they would be really good.....and of course the turkey sandwiches.



The PTA are always looking for ways to improve the fair and to ensure it runs smoothly, so if you have any suggestions (big or small) please post them into the PTA box in the entrance hall.



Nativity Plays – another great experience this week has been watching the Nativity plays. Well done to the children, both plays are excellent and thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants who have worked so hard. It really feels like Christmas has started now.

Christmas Collections – we have decided to support A.A.I.R. (Asthma, Allergy and Inflammation Research) this Christmas in memory of Robert Anderson, a past pupil who very sadly died this summer aged 15. This was the charity chosen by his parents to receive support following his funeral. In addition to carrying out research into these conditions, A.A.I.R. also advises teachers and sports coaches about emergency treatment and works with teenagers on reducing the embarrassment that some feel about carrying inhalers. We feel that it is appropriate to support them both in memory of Robert and to recognise his contribution to this school but also because it is a very relevant charity, as so many of our children suffer in varying degrees from these conditions. We also remember James Black at this time, another former pupil who died earlier this year aged 19.

Carol Service – This takes place on Tuesday at St. Mary's at 7pm. We would be grateful for help with walking the children up to church and back for rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Walking up at 9.05am and back at about 11.15am.

All are welcome at the service but please consider whether your baby or toddler will really enjoy sitting for over an hour. The children have worked so hard to make the service special and it does spoil it when a child is crying or shouting during someone's starring moment.



Christmas Parties – Great excitement because these are all taking place next week! It would be really helpful if two or three parents were available for each class to set the food up. Please see your child's class teacher if you are able to help. The children select the food for their party and then share out who will bring what. Your child will therefore be asked to bring a certain food on the day.

Disco lights and named current CDs are also helpful. The party timetable is as follows:

Monday 14th December Y3/4 Christmas party (afternoon)

Tuesday 15th December Y2 party (afternoon)

Weds 16th December Y5/6 party (afternoon)

Thursday 17th December Reception/Y1 party (afternoon)

The children may wear own/party clothes for their whole party day (Y6 choir please note that you will need your uniform with you for your performance at lunch time).



Sports News

- Firstly great news from Running Club who had a fantastic race last Saturday. Well done to all 27 eager runners and especially Adam Kinghorn, James Bottomley, Sam Nicholson and Adam Dawson for all coming in the top 10! Several girls were just outside the top 10 in their race and there some very impressive performances all round.
- The lacrosse team also had a match this week and they played very well, despite the miserable weather. The A team are currently a close second in the league at the moment. The most valued players were Emily Aird and Matthew Forbes and both teams were awarded with the Spirit of Lacrosse trophy again. Well done to everyone!
- Flooded pitch – We have decided to cancel Running Club until after Christmas as the pitch is completely waterlogged and we break up next Friday. Training will resume on 8th January – weather permitting.
- Lacrosse training will take place next Tuesday 3.30 – 4.15pm.
- Netball training for Y6 only will take place on Thursday 10th and 17th – they have a match on the 17th.
- There will be no hockey training next week.

Choir Practices – Upper Junior Choir will take place on Monday until 4.15pm and they will hopefully be joined by as many of the Parents' Choir as can make it. Of course both choirs will be singing in the Carol Service and then I will give Lower Junior Choir a week off their Thursday practice next week.

Accident procedure – I have been asked to explain the systems in place for dealing with accidents in the playground or around school and thought that it may be helpful for all parents to know what these are.

- Small tumbles are dealt with by comforting the child. If no first aid is needed, the accident is not recorded but the class teacher may be informed if the child has been upset.
- Slight grazes are looked at by the person on duty and the child is either sent in to apply cold water or to go to the staffroom for further help. A friend is usually sent with the injured child. If adult intervention is required, the incident will be recorded in the accident book.
- Any bumps to the head are reported to the class teacher and recorded in the accident book. Notes are given to the child to inform the parents/carers. The child is observed during the following class. If they settle quickly and have no ill effects, no further action is taken. If they do not settle quickly the parents/carers will be informed.
- More serious falls or grazes – if appropriate the child is helped into school (it may be appropriate to leave the child where they are until a trained first aider has been called to look at them.) They will then be seen and dressings applied by a member of staff or they will call a first aider to treat the child. If the child is very distressed a parent/carer will be telephoned. These accidents are recorded in the accident book.
- Accidents requiring further medical treatment e.g. A & E are always referred to a qualified first aider who will treat the child immediately and establish the extent of the injury. Parents/carers will always be telephoned. If no-one from the child's contact list was available a member of staff would take the child to the minor injuries unit at Altrincham hospital. If there is any doubt about the child's condition at all, an ambulance will be called. For an injury requiring outside medical treatment a Trafford accident form will be completed.