



17th November 2011 Newsletter

Sporting news

Our highly successful cross country running team was in action again last weekend at the first race at Sale Harriers. They made an outstanding start to the season with three girls and four boys finishing in the top ten in their races. The whole team ran well and the enthusiasm is superb. It is no surprise that the Trafford scouts from the school of sporting excellence take such an interest in our children.



The netballers played their first match of the league against Bowdon Prep. They lost by a small margin but they scored some great goals and Mrs Cochrane was pleased with the way that they played.

In the first boys' lacrosse tournament of the season our boys came 4th and in the Wellington Girls' Football Tournament, our girls team brought home the trophy once again and it is back in its place in the cabinet.

A special presentation assembly will take place on Tuesday with the Taekwondo trainers visiting school to celebrate the fantastic success of the children who have achieved their black belts in the past few months. We will all enjoy watching a demonstration of their skills.

Well done to all of our sporting superstars!

Junior Carol Service

It is pleasing to hear that parents are taking a particular interest in this year's carol service and I am happy to give a little more information. This will not be a concert, it is very much a service and we have been careful to ensure that the Y6 have an equally important role in the service as in previous years. There will be a tableau and some beautiful narration to tell the Nativity story. The service will be a similar length to those of previous years (about 70 mins).



The decision to charge £5 per ticket for a carol service is not setting a precedent but it is necessary just for this particular occasion, to cover the cost of the professional musicians together with the performing rights. It has been subsidised by St. Mary's Church, who are keen to host and support such an exceptional school community event. Just as a point of comparison, for the 'Young Voices' schools event at the MEN arena this Christmas, tickets are £18 each.

It is difficult to explain how wonderful we feel that this is going to be for the children and they are working really hard to reach the standard of excellence required.

Polo Shirt Badges

During the consultation on school uniform last year several parents expressed a preference for some options for the school polo shirt. We will continue to supply the existing polo shirt with the embroidered badge but are of course aware that



very reasonable white polo shirts are offered by supermarkets and shopping chains. Following a suggestion from one parent we investigated the possibility of an iron-on badge and after the usual design process these have now arrived in school. They cost £1.10 each and are available from the school office. They may be ironed on to any white, short sleeved polo shirt. Guidance from the supply company for the placement of the badge will be given out with their purchase because it would look odd if they were not all in the same place.

BCS in the Community Samaritan's Purse

A big thank you goes to everyone who put so much into filling and beautifully wrapping their shoe boxes. This was an outstanding response as there were 181 shoe boxes and the idea of our children considering the Christmas morning experience of less fortunate children elsewhere in the world is very special indeed.



Blue Peter – “Bake a Difference”

Isabel held her bake sale on Saturday at Hale library and raised the absolutely fantastic amount of £339. Well done Isabel and helpers!

NSPCC/Childline

All classes will have completed their activities by Friday and sponsor money should be brought into school ready for collection by the NSPCC on Tuesday morning (22/11/11). There are collection points in each classroom.

Children in Need

In addition to the own clothes day before half term, Y6 have organised a cake sale and games stall on Thursday (Y4, Y6) and Friday (Y3, Y5). If your Junior children are wanting to purchase a cake or play a game, please encourage them to bring 10p and 20p pieces, as change can be a problem. The PTA cake sale will take place after school in the playground and in addition several children are raising money individually – more details to follow next week.

P.T.A. News

- Please support the cake sale for Children in Need, and the PTA, on Friday 18th November. This will be held, after school, in the Infant playground and the Junior playground.
Donations can be dropped off at the main office at 9 am, or in the playground from 2.30pm
Thank you.
- Tickets are now on sale for the popular ‘Winter Ball’ and the order form is attached. Please do not wait to put in your ticket order, this event sells out very quickly