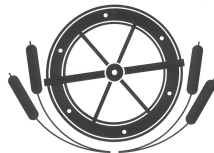


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Newsletter 6 Autumn Term 2008

1st December 2008

Dear Parents,

It was good that so many of you could come to the recent parent teacher consultations, it provides an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and for us to work together in supporting your child.

Thank you to everyone for their generous support of the recent Children in Need Appeal, which raised over £338.

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 children gymnasts who recently represented the school at the Dorset tumbling competition. The children did very well and were fourth overall. Thank you to Mrs Songhurst who has been coaching the children and leading the lunch time club.

Last week, our Year 2 children led their celebration assemblies for their parents. It was lovely to see the children's singing, dancing and sharing their learning and we do hope you enjoyed them.

School Uniform

Our school uniform provides the children with a sense of belonging, community and pride in their school. It is practical and the children do look smart in their uniform. Our school colours are red, white and grey. A reminder, that if you are purchasing new items over the holidays the children wear the following items:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress as appropriate [trousers should be grey school type/tailored trousers and not fashion or casual trousers]
- Red and white striped or checked summer dress
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Red school sweatshirt or red school cardigan with school logo
- Black flat sensible school shoes [no trainers please]

Many of the items are available from the school office. Please make sure that all items of clothing are labelled to prevent them from getting lost around the school. Thank you for your continued support of the uniform guidelines.

Winter Clothes

Now that the colder weather is here, please could you ensure that your child brings a coat to school, as we aim for the children to go out to play and get some fresh air every day.

Friends of Rushcombe Quiz Night

Unfortunately, the Friends of Rushcombe First School have had to postpone the quiz night on Thursday 4th December. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. The quiz night will be rescheduled and it is hoped that it will take place later in the academic year.

Safety in the School Grounds

Please can parents ensure that all children do not ride their scooters and bicycles in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our school a safe place to be.

Christmas Post

From Wednesday 3rd December, the post box will be available in the library for the children to post their Christmas cards to each other. Please can we remind you that all envelopes need to be clearly addressed with the Christian name, surname and class of the child it is being sent to.

Open Afternoon

A reminder that the children and staff of Rushcombe would like to invite all parents to our Open Afternoon on Wednesday 10th December, 3.05 pm - 6.00 pm. Your child/ren will show you around the school and the work they have been involved in this term.

Foundation Stage Children

All our Foundation Stage children are invited to stay all day on Thursday 18th December and will finish on Friday 19th December at 1.00pm. They will need to bring a packed lunch on each of these days. Children who currently attend school for the morning only will start full time in January and will need to bring a named packed lunch each day.

A reminder that our Foundation stage children will be performing their own nativity on Thursday 11th December at 11.00 am in the hall. Entry to the hall will be via the Foundation play area.

Christmas Concert

You will have recently received a separate letter with details about our Christmas Concert at St Nicholas' Church on Monday 15th December. All children in Years 1 - 4 with the surname A - K will perform in the morning and all children with the surname L - Z will perform in the afternoon. The morning performance will start at 10.30 am and the afternoon performance will begin at 1.45 pm. The children will need to wear their school uniform unless otherwise directed. We look forward to you joining our Christmas concert.

Christmas Disco

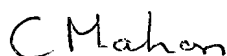
As part of our Christmas celebrations, the children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be having a Christmas disco! This will take place in school on Tuesday 16th December at the following times: Years 1 and 2: 2 - 3 pm [Year 1 and 2 children can wear party clothes on this day], Years 3 and 4: 5.30 - 7 pm.

Winter Closures

On rare occasions, especially in winter, there may be a necessity to close the school. Dorset Education Authority has made arrangements with local radio stations to broadcast emergency information regarding school closures. These include BBC Radio Solent (FM96.1 or MW999) and 2CR (FM102.3). The radio stations have asked schools to remind parents not to phone them directly, but to listen for announcements.

Please see attached sheet for term and holiday dates, including training days, for the academic year.

Yours sincerely,



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Calendar 2008/09

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Monday 5th January
 Friday 30th January
 Thursday 2nd April
 Friday 3rd April
 Friday 17th July
 Monday 20th July

School closed for staff training
 School closed for staff training
 Last day of term - school closes for Easter holidays at 1.00 pm
 School closed for staff training
 Last day of term - school closes for summer holidays at 1.00 pm
 School closed for staff training