

Rushcombe School News

7 December 2007

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Well, it's been a very busy term so far and there's still so much to do! This week many of you have come into school and enjoyed a mince pie and coffee and then joined your child / children in their base to make Christmas decorations! This activity has been greatly enjoyed by the children and I hope by all parents too! The decorations that have been made are of such high quality that they are to go on display at St Nicholas' Church. Thank you very much to all parents for coming in to school and joining us – your support is greatly appreciated!

UPDATES ON PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Entry into bases: thank you to everyone for keeping the entrances into bases clear – it is making the children's entry into school so much easier!



Cycle Sheds: thank you to all those parents who returned the Travel Survey slip to school and for indicating your interest in whether cycling would be a preferred method of transport to school for your child if cycle sheds were available. We will be looking to purchase at least one shed very soon, so watch out for further details!

Poppy Appeal: A grand total of £105.17 was collected this year – thank you very much.



Newsletter format: as you can probably see, from the feedback received (3!) we are following the majority view of keeping the style of the newsletter style in letter form. If you have any views please let the school office know!

OTHER NEWS:



Going for Gold!

We would like to congratulate one of our Rushcombe gymnasts, on her recent success in bouncing her way to become a Gold medallist in the National Grade 2 Under 11 Trampolining Competition. We are thrilled at her success and are proud to have a National Trampolining Champion at Rushcombe. Well done! Her team also achieved first place in the competition. Again well done!

Rushcombe Team Tumble their Way to Success!

With the help of a parent who is a gymnast coach, Rushcombe was able to enter 3 girls teams and a boys team in the Dorset Schools Tumbling Championships held recently at Rossmore Leisure Centre. To our delight, the boys team and a girls team made it through to the finals, each bringing home Silver medals! We congratulate all our gymnasts on their wonderful achievements – well done and thank you for representing Rushcombe!



Tae kwon do Champ!

We would also like to congratulate one of our male pupils on his recent success at the Southern Championship Tae kwon do competition – Yellow Stripe category. He fought off many opponents, winning a well-deserved Bronze medal! Well done!



NHS Dentists

The school dentist has supplied us with a list of dentists who are taking on new NHS patients. If you are interested, please call into the school office for a copy.

Lost Property

We have collected rather a large amount of lost property in school (at least 20 un-named sweatshirts!) since the beginning of this term with items ranging from jumpers to drink bottles to single gloves! We would very much like these items to be returned to their rightful owners and so on **Open Afternoon, Tuesday 11 December from 2.30 pm** all lost property will be on display in the hall for you to collect.

Rushcombe School Cardigans

These are now available to order at £10 each. Delivery time is approximately 3 weeks. We will be placing an order at the end of term so please contact the school office if you are interested in purchasing one. Full payment is required with each order. An example can be seen in the school office.



New Addition to Rushcombe's Family!



We are proud to announce the safe arrival of a baby girl to a member of staff, born on 27 November, weighing in at 7 lbs 1 oz! Mother and baby are doing very well. Our congratulations and best wishes go to her and all her family!

Lunchtime Supervisors – Permanent & Temporary Wanted – January 2008 Start

We are looking for 3 lunchtime supervisors to join our team at Rushcombe. All posts to commence January 2008. Post 1 is a permanent part-time post and Posts 2 & 3 are temporary part-time posts until 31 August 2008.

The roles involve supervising our children whilst they are eating their lunch and afterwards, cleaning the tables.

Details of the posts: Times: 11.55 am – 1.05 pm. Term time only. Rate of pay: £6.00 per hour.

Posts subject to satisfactory CRB clearance.

Applications in writing please to Mrs Fawcett together with the names and addresses of two referees. Please state which post you are applying for.

Closing date **Monday 17 December 2007**. For further information contact the school office on 01202 695722.

TERM DATES

End of Autumn term: Thursday 20 December, school closes – 1 pm

Staff training day: Friday 21 December, school closed

Staff training day: Monday 7 January 2008, school closed

Start of Spring term: Tuesday 8 January, gates open – 8.40 am

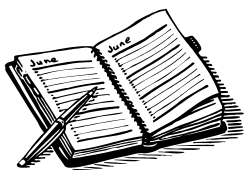
Half term: Monday 18 – Friday 22 February, school closed

End of Spring term: Thursday 20 March, school closes – 1 pm

Start of Summer term: Monday 7 April, gates open – 8.40 am

Half term: Monday 26 – Friday 30 May, school closed

End of summer term: Tuesday 22 July, school closes – 1 pm



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Open Afternoon: Tuesday 11 December, 2.30 - 5.30 pm – also Lost Property on display in hall

Christmas Service: Mon 17 Dec, St Nicholas' Church: Gifts (A-H) 10.30 am, Presents (I-Z) 1.45 pm

Foundation Nativity: Tuesday 18 December, 11 am in the school hall

Disco Years 1 and 2: Tuesday 18 December, 2 pm – party clothes can be worn on this day

Disco Years 3 and 4: Tuesday 18 December, 5.30 – 7 pm in the school hall

Foundation Party: Wednesday 19 December, am – party clothes can be worn on this day

FOR (PTFA) AGM: Tuesday 5 February 2008, 7 pm – in the school hall, all Parents welcome!

I look forward to seeing you at some of the above events!

Yours sincerely

L Fawcett

Acting Headteacher