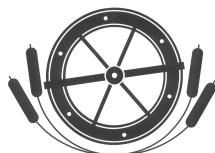


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Newsletter 5 Autumn Term 2008

17th November 2008

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for all your contributions to our Children in Need Teddy Bear. The children enjoyed making the teddy shaped outline. We are still counting the money as further contributions come in. We will inform you when we know the final total!

This weekend, some Year 3 and 4 children will be representing the school in a Dorset Schools Gymnastics Association Competition being held at Rossmore Leisure Centre. We hope the children enjoy taking part and wish them lots of luck! Thank you to Mrs Songhurst who has been coaching the children and leading the lunch time club.

Thank you to those families who have donated their old Yellow Pages for the recycling competition. If you still have a copy of the Yellow Pages at home please bring it to school to add to the collection. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Consultations

A reminder that Parent Teacher Consultations are being held this week on Monday 17th November and Thursday 20th November between 3.10 pm - 6.20 pm. Please sign up if you have not had a chance, the lists are available in your child's base. Thank you.

Staff News

At the beginning of the spring term, Miss Draper will be moving to another school in Dorset to complete a two term secondment. Miss Draper will continue to teach her Year 1 class until the end of the autumn term and is intending to maintain her link with Rushcombe. We are grateful for her hard work and commitment over the last few years and wish her every success in her new post.

I am pleased to inform you that the governors have recently appointed Miss Gerra as our new Year 1 teacher to join our dedicated staff team for the beginning of the spring term for the rest of the academic year. She is an experienced teacher and is currently working in the Bournemouth area. She will be visiting the school during the autumn term to familiarise herself with the children, staff and the school. At Rushcombe we continue to be committed to providing high quality education for all the children in a caring, stimulating and attractive environment and thank you for your support.

Year 2 Celebration Assemblies

A reminder that all parents with children in Year 2 are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly this month. Miss Brown's class assembly will be on Wednesday 26 November and Miss Newbury's will be on Friday 28 November. Both assemblies will take place in the hall (entry via Foundation play area) at 2.30 pm. (Regrettably, due to limited space, these assemblies are for parents only.)

Christmas Decoration Week

This year, we are once again, inviting all parents to come into school and work with their child/ren in the week commencing Monday 1st December. Each class will have a morning or afternoon session. On arrival, 9.00 am for morning group and 1.30 pm for afternoon group, please come round to the school office to sign in. You will then be invited for coffee/tea and a mince pie!

After refreshments, you will then join the children in the classroom and take part in creative Christmas decoration making which could prove to be messy, so please come dressed prepared! The morning session will finish at 10.30 am and the afternoon session will finish at 3pm. We look forward to working with you on the following days:

	9.00 -10.30 am	1.30 - 3.00 pm
• Monday 1 st December:	-	Y4 Mrs Hill / Mrs Ely
• Tuesday 2 nd December:	F Part-time children	F Full-time children
• Wednesday 3 rd December:	Y2 Miss Brown	Y2 Miss Newbury
• Thursday 4 th December:	Y1 Miss Draper	Y1 Mr McCormick
• Friday 5 th December:	Y3 Mr White	Y3 Mrs Webb
	-	Y4 Mrs Russell

If you would like to join us for Decoration Week, please complete and return the slip below by Monday 24 November. Please note that due to a lack of space we regret that we are unable to accommodate younger siblings on this occasion.

Friends of Rushcombe Quiz Night

A reminder that the Friends of Rushcombe are planning a quiz night on Thursday 4th December. Enter a team of 4 for £10.00. For further information please contact Mrs Horton via the school office. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Open Afternoon

The children and staff of Rushcombe would like to invite all parents to a guided tour around the school on Wednesday 10 December, 3.05 pm - 6.00 pm. Your child/ren will show you the work they have been involved in this term.

Foundation Stage Nativity

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.

Details of additional events and activities will follow during the term.

Yours sincerely,

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Christmas Decoration Week - 1st - 5th December 2008

Name of Child:..... Class:.....

I will be attending Christmas Decoration Week

Signed:..... (Parent) Date:.....