



Rushcombe First School News

Dear Parent/Guardian

19 December 2007



Rushcombe Trampoline Team do us proud!

At the recent South West Schools' Trampolining Competition held in Bristol, with the help of *name omitted* (parent) our team of 6 girls did very well! They were the youngest competitors there and they had to compete against many national gymnast Champions! We congratulate one team member, *name omitted*, who achieved an individual Bronze medal! Well done! Our congratulations also go to all the other team members, *names omitted* – you all did very well and we are very proud! Thank you for representing Rushcombe!

Goodbye and Thank You *name omitted*!

After 18 years service at Rushcombe First School as a Lunchtime Supervisor, we say a special 'Goodbye and Thank You' to *name omitted*! We thank her for all her hard work and wish her a long and happy retirement! Thank you *name omitted*!

Welcome!

Next term, we welcome back *name omitted* who will be returning from maternity leave. She will be working with and supporting children in Years 3 and 4 on a part-time basis.

Vouchers

We will be sending off our collection of Tesco Sports Vouchers after Christmas, so if you find any lying around at home, please bring them into school next term – we need all we can get! Thank you!

Cleaners Wanted!

The company that currently cleans our school has vacancies available at Rushcombe. Hours of work are 2_ hours per day, Monday to Friday, term time only. For details of pay and all other enquiries, please contact Mandy on 07977 471096.

Christmas Celebrations!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church on Monday and to Foundation parents who came to watch their children perform in the Nativity on Tuesday. The children very much enjoyed taking part and I think you'll agree, they all did a brilliant job! Thank you too for your very generous donations! Although we do not have final figures, approximate amounts raised were **£353** at the Church and **£91** from the Nativity. The charities the children have chosen are the **RSPCA** and the **Lifeboats** respectively. Thank you all once again for your generosity and support - it is very much appreciated!

Reminders: Tennis Club – Year 1/ Lunchtime Rugby Club – Year 3

If your child is taking part in the Tennis or Rugby club next term, please note that the first sessions start as follows: Tennis: Tuesday 8 January, 3.05 – 4.05 pm / Rugby: Friday 11 January. Please ensure that your child has a warm jumper and jogging bottoms for either Club. Thank you.

TOPICS FOR NEXT TERM

Next term's topics are listed below. Please feel free to research your child's topic if you have any free time during the Christmas holidays! F – Fairytales, Yr 1 – Houses & Homes, Yr 2 – Queen Elizabeth 1 and the Great Fire of London, Yr 3 – Egyptians and Yr 4 – India

REMINDER: TERM DATES & DIARY DATES

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
Celebration Assembly: Yr 4 Mrs Russell: Tues 12 Feb – 2.30 pm
Celebration Assembly: Yr 4 Mrs Hill/Mrs Ely: Weds 13 Feb at 2.30 pm

All children will be bringing home a 'Childnet International' CD ROM as recommended by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to help parents keep their children 'safe online'. I hope you find it informative.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and Governors, I would like to wish all our children and parents a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! I hope you all have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



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