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Dear Parents,

I am pleased that so many of you could come to the parent consultations recently, it is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and for us to work together in supporting your child. I would also like to thank everyone for their positive comments about the new extension and refurbishment.

Last week the children in Foundation, Year 2 and Year 3 participated in drama workshops and our Year 4 children shared their celebration assemblies with their friends and families.

At the weekend, four teams of Year 3 and 4 children represented the school in the Dorset Schools Gymnastics Association Competition held at Rossmore Leisure Centre. All four teams competed in the finals and the boy's team achieved the bronze medal and one of the girl's teams achieved the gold medal. Congratulations to all the children and a special well done to our medal winners. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Songhurst who has been coaching the children and leading the lunch time club.

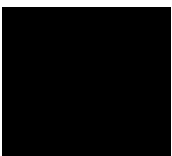
Thank you very much for all your contributions to our Children in Need Teddy Bear. The children enjoyed filling Pudsey Bear's spots with coins. We filled 30 spots as well as Pudsey's outline. Altogether £252.60 was raised for Children in Need. Well done to everyone.

Christmas Performances - Reminder

Foundation and Year 1 children will be performing their Christmas Nativity, 'Shine Star Shine!' in the school hall on the following days: Monday 14th at 2.00 pm, Tuesday 15th at 2.00 pm and Wednesday 16th December at 11.00 am. Years 2, 3 and 4 will be performing their Christmas Concert, 'Shake, Rattle and Roll!' at St Nicholas' Church on Thursday 17th December at 10.30 am and 1.30 pm.

Tickets for Foundation and Year 1 performances will be available from the afternoon of the 25th November and for Years 2, 3 and 4 from the afternoon of the 27th November in the main playground/Foundation base. There will be a reserve list for any unclaimed tickets from the 4th December. Further information about costumes and arrangements for all children will follow soon.

We would appreciate it if alternative arrangements could be made for the care of younger siblings. They often find it difficult to sit through a performance and can distract the children and disturb the audience. Thank you for your co-operation.



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 30th November. Each year group will have a morning and/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 30 th November:	Year 2	Year 3
• Tuesday 1 st December:	Year 1	F [Full-time children]
• Friday 4 th December:	F [Part-time children]	Year 4

If you would like to join us for Decoration Week, please complete and return the slip below by Friday 27th November. Please note that due to a lack of space we regret that we are unable to accommodate younger or older siblings on this occasion.

Governor News

Further to our recent newsletter advertising a Parent Governor vacancy on our Governing Body, we have been notified of a further two vacancies, both also Parent Governor posts. If you are keen to play a more active role in the school and / or have any key skills or experience that you would be willing to share, please contact Mrs Wardman [Clerk to Governors] in the school office or myself for further information. All parents with children at Rushcombe are eligible. Applications [of no more than 200 words] should be made in writing, addressed to the Chairman of Governors, c/o the Clerk to Governors. The closing date for all applications is Tuesday 8th December 2009. In the event of more applications being submitted than posts, an election will be necessary. Please indicate in your application if you still wish to stand in the event of an election.

School Meals

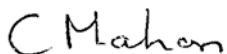
A reminder that a free school meal, in the form of a cold packed lunch, is available for the children of those parents in receipt of Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance. Further information and application forms are available from the school office in confidence.

Additional dates for your diaries:

Monday 4th January

Training Day for staff - school closed to all pupils

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS DECORATION WEEK

Child's Name: Class Name:

1* or 2* parent[s] will be attending Christmas Decoration Week [*please circle which applies]

Signed: Date: