

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2009!

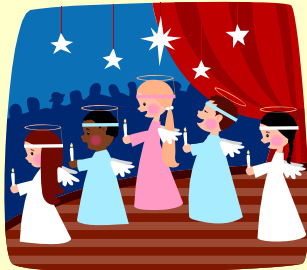
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December 2009

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE!



Thank you to everyone - staff, pupils and parents for making the performances a real success.

The children spoke and sang with clarity and enthusiasm.

Special thanks to all the parents who helped put all the chairs away - this was a great help!

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS

Reminder - There are 3 days of activities available for children next week 21, 22, 23 December at the Brunswick Healthy Living

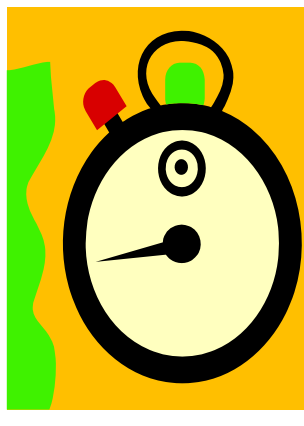


Centre.

The cost is £6.00 per child, this includes lunch. If you are entitled to benefit payments/free school meals we have funding to cover these costs for you. Please ring 07846 306569 to book a place.

LATE PUPILS

Thanks to all parents who make every effort to get their children to school for 8.55 a.m. Could we achieve every child in school by 8.55 a.m. for the whole of the Spring half term!



Learning Logs.

As part of monitoring the work in school, I am looking at the variety and quality of work in the learning logs. Special thanks so far to the parents of pupils in Reception - the learning logs are a joy to look through and the comments show you and your children are enjoying learning together.

I will be looking at the logs for each class and will update you on my findings in the next Newsletter.

As our 'first' Learning Loggers (parents of Yr 3/4 pupils) - if you would like to meet with me to look at how we can improve the variety and quality of the tasks we set for KS2 pupils, please give your name to Mrs. Jones. I will then set a date and time for us to meet



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



In school we will have a new range of exciting activities on offer - These include: Dance, Cheerleading, Maths Extra, Tag Rugby, African Drumming and Mad Science. Your children will bring home details - please sign and return the slips to give permission for them to go.



SCHOOL SECURITY



In November we reviewed the security in school. Following this a number of issues came out, particularly at the start of the school day, when the main doors are open and anyone could enter the building.

To make sure children and staff are safe throughout the day, we are making some changes to the way children enter the school building at the start of the day.

- All children will meet together on the main playground - (at the back of the building) from 8.40 a.m.
- There will be 2 teachers on duty at 8.45 a.m. - when the whistle goes at 8.55 a.m. teachers will collect the children and take them into the school, via the side door. This door is a pupil entry door only.
- Parents wishing to make appointments/contact the school office should go to the main school entrance and Mrs. Jones will deal with the queries.

STANDARDS

We have been assessing all children in Years 1 - 6 in Reading, Writing and Numeracy and are looking at the progress they are making generally and against the targets set at the Parent Meeting in October.

The outcomes from last year's Y6 SATS were low and have given us real cause for concern as a school.

I am pleased with the hard work put in by all staff and children this year, especially Yr 5/6 and I will be monitoring the attainment of all children and will be reporting this to Governors and to you.

Parents' evenings to review progress has been set for the Spring term - please see your calendar.

MOBILE PHONES

To safeguard all children we ask that adults do not use their phones on site or in the building when they are around children.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



Thursday 17 December - Normal School Day

Friday 18 December 9.10 a.m. End of Term Achievement Assembly - all parents are invited.

2.00 p.m. - Carols by Candlelight

School finishes at the end of this Assembly

Thank you all for your support - working together we can make a difference.

Very Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We look forward to seeing you all at the start of the new Spring Term on Tuesday 5 January 2010

Parents/ Carers

To help us with our plans to move the school forward in 2010, we would like your comments and thoughts in the space of the following boxes:-

What do we do well?

What would you like to see us introduce?

What would you be willing to work with us on in order to improve the standards and school?