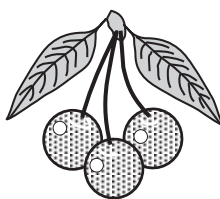


**DORMANSLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter
DECEMBER 2009**



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Dear Parents,

The last newsletter before Christmas has a reminder of all the details for our Christmas celebrations and an update on some of the recent events in school.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to all of you who supported our PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday, and especially to everyone who worked so hard to organise the day. We had a very good turn out and early indications show that the fair has raised in excess of £3,000 for the school - a fantastic result in the middle of the credit crunch.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The **Infant Nativity Play** this year is 'The Animals' Tale' and will be performed to parents of infant children in the school hall on two afternoons, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December at 2.00 pm. The dress rehearsal will be performed at 2.00 pm on Monday, 14th December.

As last year, we are inviting parents with babies and young pre-school children to come to the dress rehearsal and request that these young children do not come to the two performances. Thank you.

All the children, both junior and infant, will be taking part in our Christmas Carol Concert at St. John's Church on Thursday, 17th December at 11.00 am, with a rehearsal at the Church on Wednesday, 16th December at 11.00 am.

As with the Infant Nativity, this year we are inviting parents with babies and young pre-school children to come to the rehearsal on Wednesday and request that these young children do not come to the Carol Concert on Thursday. Thank you.

There is no need for tickets for any of our Christmas events - just come along on the day.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Your children may soon be keen to start bringing in Christmas cards for their friends. Please ask them to wait until the LAST WEEK OF TERM when our school postal service starts.

Children should put their cards into the school post-box in the entrance hall, rather than handing them out to their friends.

Please help our Year 3 postmen and women by ensuring that your child puts the name, surname and class of the recipient on the envelope.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you all for your generous support for our recent Book Fair. £865.54 worth of books were sold, which gained the school £477.84 in commission. We have spent this on new books for our library, so as well as providing your child with new books to read at home, your support has ensured that they have a wider choice at school as well.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The stripey socks and hats we wore for Children in Need proved very popular and the School Council raised £148. Well done to them for their fundraising efforts and thank you for your support.

PANTOMIME

Once again this year, the PTA have kindly provided a pantomime for the children on the last afternoon of term. It is always a rush to get the children from the hall at the end of the pantomime and onto the playground by 3.15 pm, so please do bear with us if we are a little late coming out on the last day of term.

Finally, on behalf of all of us at Dormansland, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 8 th December		Children's Christmas lunch
Friday 11 th December	2.45 pm	Open Afternoon PTA Apron, Cake and Book Sale
Monday 14 th December	2.00 pm	Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal - babies and young children welcome
Tuesday 15 th December	2.00 pm	Infant Nativity Play
Wednesday 16 th December	11.00 am	Christmas Carol Concert Rehearsal, St John's Church - babies and young children welcome
	2.00 pm	Infant Nativity Play
Thursday 17 th December	11.00 am	Christmas Carol Concert, St. John's Church
Friday 18 th December	1.30 pm	Pantomime for the children
		TERM ENDS
Monday 4 th January		INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th January		TERM STARTS FOR CHILDREN
Thursday 7 th January	am	Fire Safety talk for children in Years 2 and 5
Friday 22 nd January	2.45 pm	Year 3 class assembly
Friday 29 th January	2.45 pm	Junior and Infant sharing afternoon
Wednesday 3 rd February	evening	PTA fashion show
8 th - 9 th February		Science week
Friday 9 th February	2.45 pm	Science week exhibition PTA Cake Sale (infant donations, please)
15 th - 19 th February		HALF TERM
Tuesday 23 rd February		Dental talk for children in Year 3
	3.30 - 6.00 pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 24 th February	3.30 - 8.00 pm	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 2 nd March	4.00 - 5.00 pm	Governors' curriculum committee
Friday 5 th March	2.45 pm	Year 5 class assembly
Tuesday 9 th March	3.30 - 5.00 pm	Governors' finance committee
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	Governors' personnel committee
Wednesday 17 th March		Football tournament
Thursday 18 th March	2.00 pm	Years 4, 5, 6 Swimming Gala, Brambletye
Friday 19 th March	2.45 pm	YR class assembly
Tuesday 23 rd March	4.00 pm	Full governing body meeting
Friday 26 th March	2.45 pm	Open afternoon PTA Cake Sale (junior donations, please)
Tuesday 30 th March		Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday 31 st March		TERM ENDS