

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas holidays and that Father Christmas was kind to you all!

THANK YOU

As always, we had a huge number of parents and friends of the school at our Christmas Carol Concert in St John's Church. £ 171.74 was collected at the concert which has been given to St. John's for the Children's Society (their Christmas Charity). Thank you for your generosity towards this very deserving cause.

8 MINUTES TO OXTED

The 8 minutes to Oxted campaign is getting a great deal of press coverage after the huge march held in Lingfield last weekend. If you have missed the BBC television coverage, including interviews with Dormansland pupils, or the articles in local and national newspapers, have a look at their website www.8minutestooxted.co.uk where there are links to many of these.

There is a meeting for all interested Dormansland and Lingfield parents next Wednesday, 23rd January. (7.30 pm at Lingfield School). The campaign organisers will be giving an update on progress so far and outlining what further action they feel should be taken.

ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Recently we have had a number of visitors who have had problems getting into the school during the school day. For the safety of the children, we lock the pedestrian gate to Clinton Hill once all the children are in school. The vehicle gates are closed, but not locked, so if you come to the school via this route you can always get in by using them. The gate from the Meads is closed once the children are in school. It is not locked, but has a child security latch which prevents children using it.

COATS AND SHOES FOR WET WEATHER

Unless it is really raining very heavily, our children still go outside to play in the wet, so please ensure that your child always has a waterproof coat in school (not just a fleece) and shoes which will keep their feet dry.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science and technology week starts on Monday 11th February. Mrs Wall will soon be writing to you to ask for help during the week. I know that many do volunteer to help during this week – it really helps to make it a special week for the children – thank you. Our science exhibition for parents and friends will be at 2.45 pm on Friday, 15th February. Please come along and see what your children (and the rest of the school) have been learning about during the week.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS – 31st March

And science is going to be the topic for this year's curriculum information evening. Make a note in your diaries now to keep the evening of Monday, 31st March free. We have invited Surrey's science specialist Ron Bibby to come and talk to you about science at school. Ron is a very entertaining speaker and he will be sure to have plenty of science activities for you to try. Come along for an

evening which promises to be fun as well as informative.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley
Headteacher

REMINDERS

§ In the event of an emergency closure of the school, (through, for example, bad weather) in addition to an announcement on Radio Mercury, all information will now be posted on the Surrey County Council Web site – www.surreycc.gov.uk/education as well as on our own school site – www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk