

Dear Parents,

This month's newsletter gives me the opportunity to bring you up to date with some events earlier this term and to give you advance notice of some of our Christmas arrangements.

HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION

Many thanks for your generous contributions to our Harvest Festival collection. £180.00 was raised and sent to WaterAid, to help provide access to clean, safe water for children in developing countries.

BOOK WEEK

The children had a very enjoyable book week with plenty of stories and extra time for reading. Thank you to all of you who supported the school by buying books at the after school book fair. The commission from your purchases was a magnificent £525, which is being used to purchase new books for the library.

- SAFETY NOTICE -

USE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL

Many of you wait at school with younger children while their brothers or sisters are attending football or other after school clubs. Please note that school playground equipment (such as the trim trail, boat, basketball nets and so on) is only to be used by children attending Dormansland during the school day and under supervision.

Please do not let your children, whether they come to the school or not, use the playground equipment after school or at out of school hours events.

We monitor the use of this equipment carefully to ensure it is safe. During the wetter months, the children do not use the trim trail because its position on the grass means that it quickly becomes muddy, slippery and dangerous for the children to play on. Children's use of equipment on the playground is supervised carefully to ensure that they can enjoy playing on it.

PTA CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

A huge thank you to the PTA members who organised and supported the Christmas Craft Fair, which raised in the region of £800 for the school. Sadly, only around 50 parents were able to attend on the night – let's hope to see many more of you at the Christmas Fair this Saturday.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

And it will be here sooner than we think! Here is a reminder of the days and times for our Christmas celebrations.

The Infant Nativity Play this year is "The Grumpy Sheep" and will be performed to infant parents in the school hall on two afternoons, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December at 2.00 pm. The dress rehearsal will be performed at 2.00 pm on Monday, 17th December.

As last year, we are inviting parents with babies and young pre-school children to the dress rehearsal

and would request that these young children are not brought 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, 20th December at 11.00 am, with a rehearsal on Wednesday, 19th December at 11.00 am.

As with the infant nativity, this year we are inviting parents with babies and young pre-school children to the rehearsal on Wednesday and would request that these young children are not brought to the Carol Concert on Thursday. There is no need for tickets for any of our Christmas events – just turn up on the day.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We shall be opening our school postal service on Monday, 17th December. Please help the teachers by

- Ensuring your child does not bring their cards into school earlier than this.
 - Making sure your child puts their cards into the school post box during that last week of term.
- 30 children trying to exchange cards in the classroom can be a bit of headache! It is much easier to manage when children use the post box to distribute their cards.

FAIR PROCESSING NOTICE

Schools, local authorities and other educational bodies that process personal data about pupils are required by the Data Protection Act 1998 to issue a Fair Processing Notice to parents to inform them and their children of the purposes for which that personal data may be held and used. A copy of this notice is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley
Headteacher

REMINDERS

§ If your child attends judo or karate club, would you please wait to collect them under the colonnade outside the double doors that lead out to the playground. Please do not come into school to wait for them, as this makes it difficult for us to continue our working day in school. We have asked the instructors running the clubs to bring the children to these doors at the end of the session.

§ This newsletter is available on our website www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk, in large print or by email on request.

§ The children have playtime outside in (almost!) all weather conditions, so please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day.

§ The last day of term is 21st December not 19th December as shown on the 2007 PTA calendar.