



St Botolph's Church of England Primary School

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December Newsletter 2009

Outstanding Performances

At the end of November the Year 1 and 2 children performed 'Eddie the Penguin' to the whole school, all of their mums and dads and special visitors. They did very well, demonstrated great talent and confidence, and brought a very real message to us all. The very youngest children in Reception performed their Nativity, 'The Sleepy Shepherd', to everyone this week. They too did amazingly well and I know that everyone is very proud of their achievements. The children looked amazing in their costumes and the singing was excellent. My special thanks go out to all the staff who worked so very hard with the children to bring these special events to you.

Please find below a couple of examples of how to help Eddie save the world: By Anita Wong

Walk to School! We walk to school because we can reduce Carbon Dioxide which could damage the environment by increasing the temperature. When the temperature rises it causes the ice in the North Pole and South Pole to melt.

Save Energy. You can save energy by switching off the lights, save water by turning the taps off while you brush your teeth. Turn down the heating, if the weather is fine then hang the washing on the line. If you want to keep the heat in then shut the door. Wear warmer clothes if it's cold.

Christmas Bazaar

Traditionally the year 6 children have organised and headed up the Christmas Bazaar each year. This year has been no exception. They worked extremely hard with all the preparation, planning, setting up and organising right through to the clearing away after the event. They were a huge credit to themselves and their families. A special thank you to everyone who very kindly donated prizes for the fair, bought raffle tickets and attended the Bazaar to help make the whole event a large success. I am very pleased to announce that we made a grand profit of approximately £1,350. This money, along with any proceeds from the outdoor (indoor) carols, will all be put towards the purchase and installation of a projector in our activity room as well as purchasing some tents for use by the children for planned sleep-over's!

Community Events

As part of our commitment to support and work within the community, our choir have taken part in many events this Christmas. We gathered in the cold to sing at the Botolphs Arms last week to help support the Botolph Green community and, although cold, the children sang incredibly well and enjoyed the drinks and cakes afterwards! The choir went out to Longueville Court to sing to the residents and also took part in the Orton Schools Carol Concert as well as singing at our own Carol service. They have worked hard all year and my appreciation goes to Mr Binmore and Miss Murrell.



Cold Weather



As we move into the winter period we never know quite how cold it will become or how much snow will fall. Last year we were all taken by surprise with the snow after Christmas which resulted in the unexpected days' holiday when I was left with no alternative but to close the school. This year, should we be caught in such a situation again, I will be able to email and text most parents via Parent Mail. This will ensure that you get the information you need swiftly and reliably. If you have not signed up to ParentMail, I will be following local authority's procedures and contacting all the local radio stations to notify them of any closures.

All Wrapped Up!

The Year 4 children have had a very informative visit to A & E at Peterborough hospital. They were shown around the department and had the opportunity to ask many questions. They came back in a much worse state than they left with children bandaged, arms in slings, stuck up with special tape and even one arm was in plaster! A good trip for all!

Extra Care and Consideration Needed

The school is working hard with the local authority, School Travel, Highways, Health and Safety as well as Orton Longueville School to reduce congestion on our school site. The move to an earlier finish for us has gone some way but we always knew that this would not solve the problem completely. Our greatest fear is that there will be a major accident and someone will be seriously hurt. We need to act before this happens. Whilst the school continues to consult at all levels, please can I urge you to be patient and adhere to marked parking areas on school property? Driving across grassed areas to access the service road not only spoils our site by churning up the grass but also, and more importantly, endangers the lives of pedestrians. Several of our parents are disabled badge holders and need to be able to park as close to the school as possible. Frequently the marked disabled bays, near the cycle shed, are occupied by inconsiderate drivers who do not require this facility. The Governors and I are yet again asking that these bays are left free for those in need. School property is private property and therefore all parking is at the discretion of the Governors. Thank you for your support and vigilance in this matter.

Diary Dates

Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 4 th January	Return to School
Wednesday 6 th January	4VB swimming
Wednesday 13 th January	4VB Swimming
Wednesday 20 th January	4VB Swimming
Friday 22 nd January	1.30pm – 3.00pm Y3 Open Session
Wednesday 27 th January	4VB Swimming
Friday 29 th January	1.30pm – 3.00pm Y4 Open Session

On behalf of all the staff and Governors of St Botolph's School, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

School resumes on Monday 4th January 2010

