



Dear Parents/Carers

**Parent Governor Election**

I am pleased to announce that the following parents will commence their four year term as Parent Governors from today:

- Mrs Sharon Ainscough*
- Mrs Louise James*
- Mrs Bina Shukla*

Following the resignation of one of our existing Parent Governors, Reverend Green has decided that all three candidates who stood for election should be asked to fill the three vacancies that now exist.

Reverend Green has also asked me to extend his thanks to Mrs Adele Briscoe-Rimmer who has resigned her Parent Governor position. Adele has given great service as a Governor. I would like to add my personal thanks to Adele.



**Children In Need**

Thank you to all those who supported Children In Need by buying cakes and biscuits this morning.

Special thanks to Reception class, the Beesley family and to Helen Rimmer for helping with the baking.

We have raised approximately £140.



**Christmas Dinner – 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.**

Please remember that if you do not order a meal for that day then, even if your child regularly takes hot meals, they will have to bring a packed lunch.



**Mufti/Non-uniform Day**

We will be holding our first mufti day of the school year next Friday (27<sup>th</sup> November.)

For those new to the school, a mufti day is a day where children are not required to wear school uniform. They may wear clothes of their own choice in exchange for a donation of a gift for one of our many fundraising events.

Next Friday we would like children to bring a Christmas item (e.g. wine, chocolates, toiletries, decorations, gifts, selection boxes etc.) These will be used as prizes at the annual PFA Christmas bingo evening on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

While children's choice of clothes on mufti days is essentially their own, they should be warm and comfortable and not wearing anything that is unsuitable for a normal school day (e.g. high heels.) School rules regarding jewellery, nail varnish and make up still apply on mufti days.

For your information we will also be holding mufti days on: *Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.* Children may wear non uniform in exchange for a donation for our Christmas Fair which takes place on the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> December.



**PFA Christmas Bingo**

Our very successful community bingo event will take place in the school hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The event is open to all over 16 year olds who would like to support the school and enjoy playing bingo.

In the past this event has proved popular not only with parents but also with friends, relatives and other members of the local community. If you know any keen bingo players please let them know this event is taking place.

**Pauline – Crossing Patrol Lady**

I am delighted to say that Pauline is home from hospital and doing well. She is very grateful for all the get well messages she has received. We hope to see her soon.



**Best Wishes to Class 6 Confirmation Candidates**

Michael Beesley, Joshua Birch, Chloe Boyes, Lucy Brindle, Harry Cannon-Noren, Edward James and Ryan Segar are being confirmed at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday morning. Our congratulations and very best wishes to all of you.



**Operation Christmas Child**

Please remember to bring in your shoeboxes for the above appeal. Collection will be made next Tuesday.



**Queenscourt Hospice Christmas Friends**

Many thanks to all of you that have bought a 'Christmas Friend' this week. We sold the 6 boxes we were given and managed to obtain a further box and this sold within minutes. We have asked for more but unfortunately the Hospice has no stock left.



**Church Christmas Fair**

The St. John's Church Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday from 10 am – 2 pm in the school hall.



**Y4 Educational Visit**

Very well done to children in Class 4 who thoroughly enjoyed today's trip to Lancashire Museum.



### Jewellery Recycling

We are taking part in a jewellery recycling event in January 2010. It works in a similar way to the Bag2Schools blue bag scheme where we will issue all children with an envelope and ask them to return it to school with any unwanted jewellery. This can be broken chains, costume jewellery, odd ear-rings or anything that you no longer wear. I will send further details to you about this in January.



### Unsafe and Illegal Parking

I have received complaints this week about parents/carers collecting their children from our school who park on the pavement on Rufford Road. Please avoid this as it is dangerous and illegal and likely to attract the attention of the police.



### Reception Nativity

The first opportunity for our new Reception class to perform to an audience will be on Thursday 10th December at 10 am. We look forward to seeing many parents, grandparents etc. for this exciting occasion.



### Comic Strip Workshop

With this newsletter you will find details of a very exciting opportunity for children in Classes 3-6 on Wednesday 2nd December.

We have booked the inspirational Tim Quinn to lead children through the process of creating a comic strip super hero and story.

Tim was formally editor of Marvel Comics Spiderman and X-Men comics in New York; he writes for the Guardian newspaper and is a former editor of the South Bank Show. As well as leading workshops such as this, he takes groups of school children to meet some of his famous contacts to discuss their work, these include Rolf Harris, Brian May and Gyles Brandreth.

You may wish to find more about Tim at [www.mightyquinnmanagement.com](http://www.mightyquinnmanagement.com)



### Year 3 Swimming

Parents/carers of children in Class 3 are reminded that their first swimming session will be on Monday 23rd November.

Class 3 will have approximately 10 swimming sessions which will take them into the spring term.



### Plastersine Theatre Company

All children enjoyed a fabulous assembly led by Plastersine Theatre Company on Wednesday and Class 4 took part in a full drama workshop session.

If you would like more information on the work they do and how your child can be involved please see the leaflet with this newsletter.

If there is sufficient interest I will ask members of the Plastersine Theatre Company to lead an after school drama club in 2010.



### PFA

The next PFA meeting is on Wednesday 25th November at 3.15 pm in the Community Room.



### Clubs On Next Week . . .

Monday: Gymnastics  
Tuesday: NONE  
Wednesday: VigorBoard (final session for group 2,) Fun Club, Rugby  
Thursday: Drama, Christmas Crafts  
Friday: Running



### Head lice

Please check your child's hair for head lice every week. Additional guidance is available from Pharmacy Online on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Sarah Malm) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.

If you have particular concerns regarding head lice or any other medical issue please telephone the School Nursing Service on 01704 544766.



### Parents Weekly Drop In Coffee

#### Mornings

Our Parent Support Adviser – Rachel Clarke – hosts an informal gathering for parents every Wednesday morning from 9 am in the Parents and Community Room on the first floor. I know many of you attend regularly and have found the sessions fun and reassuring.

All parents/carers are very welcome to attend. You may wish to meet other parents or to discuss issues you may have with your child. Rachel is able to call upon a host of different agencies to offer a wide variety of support.

Pre-school aged children are also welcome!



#### Breakfast Club

Remember that we offer very high quality childcare and a healthy breakfast to children from 7.45 am every morning. Book your child in at short notice and for the odd day. The cost is £3 per session.



#### Dates

November  
21st Church Christmas Fair  
27th Mufti day for Christmas Fair  
30th Bag2School blue bag collection  
December  
4th Mufti day for Christmas Fair  
5th Breakfast with Santa  
7th PFA Christmas Bingo  
10th Reception Nativity – 10 am  
11th Mufti day for Christmas Fair  
Christmas Fair  
12th Breakfast with Santa  
14th Carols by Torchlight – 5.00 pm  
18th Christmas Service at 9.30 am in Church  
Term ends at 1.45 pm

Best wishes

Mr Daniel Hains  
Headteacher



