



Church Hill Infant School Christmas Newsletter



22 December 2011

Christmas Performance

"Christmas with the Aliens" was enjoyed by all who came to see the children perform last week. The children and staff had worked hard to produce a fantastic show to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas and to start our celebrations - well done to all!

Christmas Art and Technology Day



A big thank you to everyone who came into school to help. The children produced some beautiful decorations with your help and guidance. We are really grateful to you for giving your time and hope that you enjoyed the day as much as the children did. You will be able to enjoy looking at the finished articles all over the Christmas holidays as the children will bring them home to add to your decorations.



Can I please remind you that our school day starts **8.50am**. The children must be in class, ready to have the register taken, by this time. We have an increasing number of children who are not arriving until 9.00am or after, this causes disruption to everyone in the class, as well as to the staff, and late-comers miss out on the beginning of the day's teaching. Our doors open at 8.40am and everyone must be settled in class for 10 minutes to 9.

Swimming

As you may already know there will be no swimming next term due to the Junior School's swimming pool being closed during the Spring Term. The pool will re-open at the beginning of the Summer Term.

PARKING



We continue to be very concerned by the inconsiderate parking by some of our parents at the beginning and end of the school day. **I cannot emphasise enough that this puts children's lives at risk.** Our main concern is to keep your children safe but, by parking on yellow lines, on pavements and in the school gateway you make it impossible for them to walk to school and cross the road without considerable risk. I am aware that it is a minority of parents that behave in this way; but I know that those of you who do consider others, share my frustrations with those who show disregard for the rules of the road and the safety of our children. Please park safely and be prepared to walk a few metres.



We are pleased that we have been able to secure the services of Louise Jaggard, dance teacher, to teach modern dance to our children during the Spring Term. You will be aware, from our Christmas performance, how talented our children are in this area, and how much they enjoy it. We are sure that they will benefit tremendously from specialist teaching and, hopefully, it will inspire some of them to develop their talents out of school too. The dance classes will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday and the children will wear their indoor P.E. kit – please make sure that this is in school all week as it will be worn most days.

Outdoor PE

As part of our commitment to encourage children to participate in twenty minutes of physical activity every day, children will be required to bring an outdoor PE kit into school. Every child will need a **tracksuit** and **trainers**, which should be brought into school every Monday. Children will be required to keep their kits in school all week as outdoor PE sessions will be dependent on dry weather conditions and this will allow teachers to be more flexible of determining when sessions take place.

Recycle your Christmas cards here!



Once again, we're taking part in the County Council scheme for recycling Christmas cards, all money raised from the sale of cards sent for recycling will be donated to charity. Please remember to bring your old Christmas cards into school during January so that we can contribute towards this important initiative.

Thank You



You helped us to raise:

£286.52

for **Children In Need**



The Christmas Break

School will close at 3.00 pm
today and re-open on
Monday 9 January 2012 at
8.40 am.

All the staff at
Church Hill Infant
School would like to
wish our children
and their families a
very Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

We look forward to
seeing you in
January

