

NEWSLETTER

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The newsletter is distributed every Friday. It contains information that parents need to know about events, activities, fundraising etc. Please read your newsletter



CHRISTMAS DINNER
WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2014
(order form over the page,
closing date 17.11.14)

PHENOMINAL FUNDRAISING

Aimee in Year 4 has asked to help raise funds for The Children's Heart Surgery Fund at Leeds General Infirmary. In July Aimee's baby brother was born with a rare, complex congenital heart defect. He had open heart surgery at 3 weeks old and the charity helped Aimee and her family throughout their 7 week stay. On Wednesday Aimee and her Year 4 classmates provided games for everyone to play, together they raised £51.10, brilliant!

On Wednesday 7 November, Aimee's Mum, Dad, Auntie and several friends, including Mrs Fearn will be doing a fire walk at Stockeld Park. If you would like to donate/ sponsor them you can go to www.justgiving.com/saraworker and read more about Adam's journey. Or you can text CHSF90 £1 - £10 to 70070. Many thanks.

OPEN EVENING

TONIGHT, 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

If you know anyone who is considering sending their child to St Mary's, please invite them to our open evening.



SELBY COLLEGE STUDENTS

This week 2 Selby College students approached school to explain work they were doing concerning 'The Book Bus' project. I realise you have already been very generous this month but felt, as a school, it would be lovely to support them. The children have a letter today explaining their aims.

HARVEST THANKS

Thank you again for your wonderful contributions to our harvest gifts. The boxes have all been delivered now and letters of thanks have already started to arrive in school. It was also lovely to see St Mary's church packed on Sunday as we gave thanks, as a community, for all God's gifts to us all.



PARENT'S EVENING

You should, by now, have received letters about parent's evening on Thursday 6 November. If you have not please contact the school office as you will need to return the slip in order to secure an appointment with your child's class teacher.

CHILDLINE

The Childline School Service has recently visited all children (including St Mary's) in Years 5 & 6 to provide them with key messages about keeping safe. It can be beneficial for these messages to be reinforced at home. The NSPCC has developed some guides for all parents of primary school aged children to speak to your child about keeping safe - called the Underwear Rule. You can find guides to the Underwear Rule to help you have simple conversations about keeping safe from abuse at www.nspcc.org.uk/underwear.

DIARY DATES

23.10.14	Open Evening 6.30pm - 8.00pm School Closes for Half Term
24.10.14	Training Day - School Closed to pupils
3.11.14	School Opens @ 8.45am
6.11.14	Parents evening 3.10pm - 6.00pm
14.11.14	St Nicholas' Class (Y5) Assembly @ 9.00am School Disco 3.30pm - 5.30pm
17.11.14	Anti-Bullying Week
24.11.14	Other Faiths Week
1.12.14	Advent Wreath Blessing @ 10am

DON'T FORGET

TOMORROW (24.10.14) IS A TRAINING DAY

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS

STUDENT UPDATE FORMS

Over the coming weeks your child will bring home a student update form. Please check the information on it carefully and make any changes you need to. Please hand the form back into school by the date shown on the form. Thank you.

This week Reception and Year 1 received their update forms. Please return these as soon as you can. It is vital that we hold the correct information for your child.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thanks to everyone who has already ordered a Christmas dinner. If you haven't yet ordered a dinner for your child there is another order form attached to the newsletter. Please remember that children who receive free school meals need to fill in a form too.

ARTS AWARD

Last term children in the current Years 3 - 6 (including Year 7, last year's Year 6) completed the Arts Award program. We had a focus on the National Coal Mining Museum and Le Grand Depart 2014 and the children produced some fantastic work and booklets. Earlier this week they were given a certificate for their achievements. Well done to all involved.



E-SAFETY



Thank you to everyone who has sent their agreement back into school. There are still many outstanding, please take some time to discuss the policy with your child, sign it and return it to school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL BUS



Thank you to all the people who responded to our school bus survey. From the number of responses we received it is looking as though the cost will be around £5 per day per child. Pick up points would be Flaxley Road, Town Centre and Staynor Hall Estate only. We will be contacting those who responded after the half term break. If you are interested in the school bus but didn't send a response form back please contact the school.

PARENTMAIL

This half term every family has been receiving paper copies of school letters. After half term those people who have registered their email address with Parentmail will no longer receive paper copies of letters. If you find you are still receiving paper copies as well as emails and don't want paper, please let the school office know and we can amend our records. Alternately if you receive emails but would also like paper copies of letters please contact the office.

CHRISTMAS DINNER (SECOND LETTER)

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE A LUNCH ON THIS DAY NEED TO FILL IN THE ORDER FORM (THIS INCLUDES CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS).



Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 3 December 2014.

Children's meal cost

Free (Rec - Yr 2)
£2.10 (Yrs 3-6)

The closing date for this lunch is 3.10pm Monday 17 November 2014

Please use the order form below if you require a lunch on the 3 December 2014

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 3 December 2014

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY - 3.10PM MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2014

Child's Name _____ Class _____

I would like to order _____ Children's meals @ £2.10
_____ Child is entitled to FSM

- I enclose payment of _____
- I have made payment via Parent pay (minimum payment £10.50(5 meals))

(Delete as applicable)