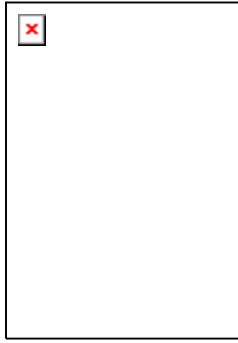


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Dear Parent,

Newsletter – Autumn 2009 (2)

Entitlement to free school meals

Shortly we will be required to return information that affects the way the school is funded and assessed against other schools. I would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached slip about eligibility for free school meals even if you do not wish to claim one. Any information that you give to us will remain confidential and names will not be placed on the information we return to the Government, only the number of eligible children.

Fair Processing Notice

A letter outlining the way in which information that is held by the school is used is attached to the newsletter. We are required to send out this information annually.

Mrs Hodgson

I am writing to inform that Mrs Hodgson, who is our Special Needs teacher as well as covering some teachers' non-contact time, has decided to reduce her hours and will consequently be leaving our school at the end of the Autumn Term. On behalf of the school may I thank her for all her time and effort with our children and wish her well in the future.

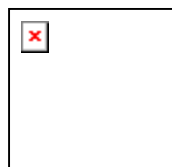
Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

In the past we have supported this appeal. The children certainly enjoyed the opportunity to prepare shoe boxes so we decided to support this again. We will arrange a collection for the shoe boxes hopefully around 15th November. A precise date will be given nearer the time.

Since 1990, Operation Christmas Child has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 47 million boys and girls. Last year Samaritan's Purse in the UK sent out *over 1.18 million gifts* to children across Eastern Europe and Africa. This annual project enables caring individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses, and other organisations to fill ordinary shoeboxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for children around the world.



A leaflet is attached to this newsletter about how you can take part if you wish to and of course you can give more than one shoebox.



Last time we were able to send over 50 shoe boxes.

Please could you keep your shoe boxes until we have a collection date as storage space is limited.



Dogs on the Playground

I would ask that dogs are not brought onto the school site as this can be quite worrying particularly for our younger pupils especially when the playground is very busy with children and parents.

Parental Survey

We have carried out a survey with the children to find out their views on our school. This was very positive with the vast majority of children saying that they were able to speak to a teacher or myself, that they felt safe at school and on the playground. Such surveys also help us to prioritize developments and changes in our school. We would also like to carry out a similar survey with parents. The survey we used is web-based and can only be accessed from school, therefore we will be making time available in the computer suite for those parents who would like to complete the survey. It takes about fifteen minutes at the most. A member of our staff will be available if you get stuck and to help explain what to do. Our computer suite will be available on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October from 2pm until 4pm. A timetable to sign
Yours sincerely,

Ian Rumbelow
Headteacher

up to use a slot will be on a clipboard in the glass link. Please try to complete a survey if at all possible. I calculate that with our eight computers there are 128 time slots available!



Visits to Bath & Stourhead

Both Earth and Fire classes have had very successful visits recently. Our children learnt a great deal which will support them with their understanding in the classroom. We were also very proud of the way they behaved and the positive comments made by our hosts.

Netball Club

There will be no netball on 12th October. We have a match against Wincanton Primary School on 19th October but there will still also be Netball Club at school on that day.

Football Club

We have a match against Wincanton Primary School on 21st October but there will still be Football Club at school on that date.

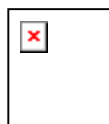
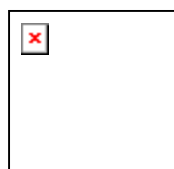
Congratulations!

I am very pleased to inform you that Mrs Alexander is pregnant. Her baby is due in March 2010. We will be advertising in due course to cover her maternity leave.

Dates for Your Diary

17th October

Church/PTA Auction of Promises



26th October – 3rd November Half-term holiday

4 th November	INSET day – School closed to pupils
13 th November	Indoor Athletics Festivals at KA
24 th November	Parents’ Evening 5.30pm-8pm
25 th November	Parents’ Evening 4pm-6pm
5 th December	School Christmas Fayre
9 th December	Rehearsal for Carol Service – please collect children from the church at 3.30pm
11 th December	Rehearsal for Carol Service – please take children to the church at 9am
15 th December	Carol service 9.30am
16 th December	Carol service 2pm
17 th December	Children’s School Christmas Party
18 th December	Last day of term
4 th January 2010	INSET day – School closed to pupils
22 nd February 2010	INSET day – School closed to pupils
7 th June 2010	INSET day – School closed to pupils

