

30<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Dear Parents

We are running up to Christmas very rapidly and I know that the children are getting very excited! Please can I remind you that all ticket request forms must be returned by **WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**. I would hate for anyone to be disappointed.

Mr Marshall would be very grateful for donations of old comics to help with his topic on 'Super heros' next term.

We were delighted to send £50 to 'Children in Need' following the sale of biscuits. Thank you!

Please could you ensure that your children come to school with a coat every day. I know it has been unseasonably warm but there have been some 'flash' showers. thank you.

We had a very successful 'Question and Answer' session with Mrs Porter and myself. Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to come along and help us. The following things were discussed:

- 1 Newsletters – we hope to e.mail newsletters to parents in the new year, if requested, to cut down on the amount of paper coming out from school. If you would like to receive your newsletter in this way please could you fill in the slip at the foot of this letter and return it to Mrs Rawlings.
- 2 Pantomime – a parent asked that the Friends consider whether the school should go to an alternative theatrical production – I will raise this at the next Friend's meeting.
- 3 Homework – the expectations, particularly at year 6, were discussed.
- 4 Residential Visits – much more notice of these visits was requested so finances can be planned. I will ensure that the letters for Braeside (year 4) and Pencelli (year 6) go out at the beginning of the academic year.
- 5 Family Learning – our KS2 parents would like the opportunity to take part in some family learning – particularly in maths. I have contacted the Local Authority and asked if they can provide some for us – fingers crossed! I know that Mrs Loxton is hoping to arrange a numeracy information session for parents next term.

- 6 Skip – I know that this skip is unsightly and is a potential health and safety risk. I have asked Mr Newman to cover it in the short term and get rid of it as soon as possible.
- 7 French – a CD for the children to help with their French was requested. Mrs Jacobs suggests "French is Fun with Serge the Cheeky Monkey", BBC Active. When she bought her copy it was £14 from Amazon. There is a CD and DVD with songs and games on.
- 8 Next meeting – this will take place in the evening so that more dads can attend. We plan to vary the time each term.

There are a lot of dates for the next fortnight!

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December, 9.15 am -	purple (year 6) class assembly,
7.30 pm -	Friend's meeting, all welcome,
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, 9.15 am -	red (year 5) class assembly,
	LAST DAY FOR TICKET
REQUESTS,	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 9.15 am -	green (year 4) class assembly,
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.15 am -	gold (year 3) class assembly,
	COSTUMES IN PLEASE,
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.15 am -	silver (year 2) class assembly,
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.15 am -	yellow (year 1/2) class assembly,
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December - lunches (apart	Pantomime visit – no school
school meals),	from those in receipt of free
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.15 am -	amber (year 1) class assembly,
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.15 am - assembly,	blue (Foundation Stage) class
6 – 7 pm -	Friends Christmas disco for KS1,  (blue, amber, yellow and silver)

7.30 – **8.30 pm** -

Friends Christmas disco for KS2,

(gold, green, red and purple)

Details to follow.

The post box is now up in school – deliveries will take place during the last week of term.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely

Catriona Williamson

**MERE SCHOOL**

**Newsletter by e.mail**

Child's name ..... Class  
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We would like to receive our newsletter by e.mail. Our e.mail address is:

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Signed ..... Date  
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