

COMBE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Head Teacher Mrs W Foster



Christmas 2008 Newsletter

Dear Parents

We have now arrived at the end of our first main term, and what a busy time it has been. I would like to take this opportunity once again to say thank you to all of you for your support and kindness during this busy term, and to say how grateful to you I am. The children were utterly delightful in our two Christmas performances, I was so impressed with the powerful singing and confidence in speaking, not to mention the quirky take on family life at Christmas time; food for thought for all of us I think!

Please find in your end of term pack, a water bottle for your child courtesy of Thames Water; please put your child's name on it and use it for school/ sports purposes. I have mentioned this before, but drinking water throughout the day is essential for good levels of concentration and general hydration. All children here could benefit by drinking more water.

Pirate Fitness Courtesy Pass: For those of you who like to try out Pirate Fitness Health Club in Witney, we have a free pass for all of you, this may well encourage some of you to fulfil a post Christmas health and fitness drive, by taking part in more exercise. I know I am keen to start running again.

FOCS NEWS: We would like to thank everyone who helped at the Christmas Bazaar, donating goods, spending money and helping on a stall. Together we raised over £1000.

Our very popular Quiz Night is on Friday January 23rd and the first 'Friday Friends' - afternoon tea - is on Friday January 30th. More details to follow in the new term.

We hope you like the school calendar, we would appreciate prompt payment!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS from the FOCS TEAM

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After school clubs will start week commencing January 12th, an information sheet will be sent out in the New Year. If there is anyone still interested in the Out of School Sports Club run by Tom Franklin from Oxford Active please let Pippa know the first week we are back. Tom is also running a Football Club on Wednesday afternoons, if you are interested please see Pippa for more information.

For those of you whose children attended the guitar lessons we are taking bookings now, again to start week commencing January 12th. If you would like your child to continue and haven't returned the reply slip, please do so as soon as possible. We will send out confirmations once groups have been arranged.

School Council will meet regularly in the new term, the existing class representatives will remain in post and hopefully we will make a valuable contribution to our pupil voice and add further events and developments for the benefit of the children.

Dates for your diary:

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| Monday 5 th January | School closed for staff INSET |
| Tuesday 6 th January | School opens for Term 3 |
| Thursday 8 th January | Swimming programme commences for Years 5-6. |
| Friday 9 th January | Years 3-6 Pantomime Trip to Oxford. |

My thanks go out to all the staff here at Combe Primary School, they have worked incredibly hard and deserve a well earned rest over the holiday as do the children!

We say a temporary 'goodbye' to Mrs Page, who starts her maternity leave in January, we wish her and her family all the very best over the next few weeks and of course, our thoughts will be with them in February when baby Page is due. We very much look forward to hearing their good news.

Merry Christmas to you all.

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