



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

## **WARNING**

I have just had a visit from the traffic team of Thames Valley Police. They have informed me that, with immediate effect, they intend to start issuing penalty notices to vehicles parked illegally on the road outside the school. They have specifically asked me to inform you that this includes parking on the pavements beside the zig zag lines and any vehicle parked for "just a minute". We are constantly aware of the difficulty of parking, especially at peak times, but the primary purpose of all our nagging is the safety and wellbeing of the children of both our school and the Middle School. Please use the Walking Bus in the mornings if feasible or ensure you park safely and legally if there is really no other option than driving.

## **Friends' Christmas Bazaar**

Although several parents have signed up to help, the Friends are still desperately short of helpers for the Bazaar on Saturday. As last year, if we do not get enough people to help we may have to cancel the event. This would be a huge disappointment for the children, who love the opportunity to win prizes, pick a present for mum or dad in the No Parents Room or visit Santa. It is, however, impossible for just a handful of parents to run all these activities on their own.

**Please, please sign up to help if you possibly can.**  
**The sheets are displayed in the courtyard.**

The Friends are also looking for more items for the class hampers, as well as for the No Parents' Room.

## **Christmas**

The children are busy practicing for their various concerts and performances and the teachers remain relatively calm – for the moment! As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be having all the performances filmed and thus will not be allowing any cameras or filming during performances.

George will film all performances and will also take still photographs during rehearsals. For £10 you will be able to purchase a copy of both the DVD and the still shots taken. These will need to be pre-ordered and will be available before we finish for the Christmas holiday. Letters and order forms will be sent home via book bags shortly.

The KS2 Carol Concert will also be recorded and discs will be available to purchase but, due to the short time frame and depending on the number required, we may not be able to get these out to you before the end of term. We will, however, do our very best! Order forms for these will go home shortly too.

## **Wanted – Angels, Shepherds, Innkeepers et al....**

Do you have last year's Nativity costume gathering dust in a cupboard somewhere? If so, and you are happy to recycle, we would love to have it! Please drop it into the office.



## **Panto**

We will be taking the whole school to see Beauty and the Beast at South Hill Park on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The children all have letters in their book bags. Please return your reply slips promptly.

Panto Day will also be Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children.

## **Happy School Bag**

You have been provided with a bag for you to fill with unwanted but clean clothes and soft toys. If you have lots of items, they accept black bin liners too!

Please bring all your bags to the courtyard at school drop off ***on the morning of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December*** (NOT before please, as we have no storage) and help us have an amazing collection.

## **Clearing Out Before Christmas?**

Are you clearing out your cupboards and shelves in preparation for the arrival of the Big Man next month? If so, and you are looking to get rid of any good quality toys, games, jigsaws, puzzles or books, then we would love to relieve you of them and give them a good loving home! Early Years would be more than happy to oblige by taking them off your hands! The items we are interested in are things like Duplo, Lego, Brio (or similar brands) – trains & track, Stickle Bricks, Mobillo, toy cars, K-Nex, marbles or marble runs, dressing up clothes, dolls' house characters or furniture, character figurines, Mega blocks and wooden blocks. Please bring them in and leave them outside the office.

Best Wishes

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