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**THANK YOU....**

**A huge 'thank you' to all the children, staff, volunteers, families and friends who worked so hard making our Christmas celebrations so successful.**

- ☺ Judging by the responses and comments made by children, parents, friends and colleagues, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the many Christmas activities that took place during December and so many thanks go to everyone who helped make them so successful. Looking at the faces of the children and audiences at events such as the Nursery Christmas sing-a-longs, the Reception and Y2 Concerts, the Y1/Reception/Y2 Christmas Carol Concerts and the KS2 Carol Concert at St. Chads showed us how much the work and effort made by the children and staff were appreciated. Thank you also to those at St. Chads who helped organise the KS2 Carol Concert.
- ☺ As ever, the Band took part in many activities visiting community groups, playing at the St Chad's Ladies' group Carol Service and in school for residents of the various residential complexes. The Band was again invited to play at the Mayor's Charity Carol Service which is a major civic event held at St. Mary's Church in Stockport. A new venture this year was playing at Sainsburys (next to John Lewis) at Handforth - £381.60 was collected on the day for the Band's charity - Diabetes UK. Thank you also to Mr Horne who tirelessly transported chairs, music stands and music instruments to and from the various venues.
- ☺ Our children from Y1 to Y6 worked with members from St. Chad's Youth who provided activities based around the Christmas theme enabling them to have a greater understanding of why some people celebrate Christmas - many thanks to St. Chad's Youth
- ☺ To FRPS for hosting yet another successful Christmas Fair which raised a massive £3100 - this will go towards improving the 'Quiet Garden' and access to the field.

**KEY DATES**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 - FRPs (PTA) meeting at The Duke of York  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012 - FRPs meeting at The Duke of York  
*All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend these monthly meetings which are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month - just turn up on the night.*  
 Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012 - **break up for half term**  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 - **school opens**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**'THE LOCAL SHOP FOR LOCAL PEOPLE'**

On December 9<sup>th</sup> I received an impromptu visit from Ms. E Sutton who manages the above charity shop. I was amazed to receive a cheque on behalf of Romiley Primary School for £1000. Ms Sutton explained that the shop has an 'Ideas' box where the general public can submit ideas as to where they send donations. So THANK YOU to those of you who put the school in the box and THANK YOU to Ms. Sutton for the donation. We intend to work with the School Council to decide how best it can be spent.

**CURRICULUM**

Now that we have returned in the new spring term, the focus returns to the curriculum. Staff have prepared a varied and enjoyable curriculum for the coming months with a range of traditional and creative activities.

**KS2 SAT's 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Please note that all Y6 children must be present throughout this week.

Some Y6 children have received letters about attending Booster Classes for Maths and/or English in order to improve their chances of achieving L4 or L5. These sessions will run from January to early May. Please support us by ensuring that your child remembers to arrive punctually to each session.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS ENTITLEMENT**

**Many families are throwing away up to £350 a year for each child because they are paying for school meals when they don't have to!**

If you are receiving any of the following,

- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190p.a. as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

then you are eligible for FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

Please apply for your entitlement, even if you do not wish to take up the offer, as Government legislations mean money is allocated to schools partly based on the numbers of children entitled to free school meals.

Applications can be made at any Stockport Direct Local Centre, alternatively forms are available at the School Office and we are more than happy to support you when completing the form should you so wish. This will be entirely confidential.

### PARKING

As ever, please be considerate to our local residents when bringing your child/ren to school by car and park in places that do not block driveways or obstruct traffic.

### 100% ATTENDANCE

As you may now know to help improve attendance Mrs Parker trawls the registers to see which children have achieved 100% attendance throughout each term. For the Autumn term 121 children received the 100% Attendance certificate - so well done and let's see if even more certificates can be given out at the end of the Spring term!

### LATE ARRIVALS

The Education Welfare Officer (EWO) regularly checks the school registers and has noted there are a number of children who regularly arrive late at school. The EWO has recommended that parents/carers of children regularly late should be advised by letter. School will begin this process this term.

A late arrival is marked for children arriving between 9.00a.m. and 9.20a.m.

If your child is absent/ill then please contact the school office or send a letter in to school so that an 'authorised' absence can be given.

### RECEPTION PLACE APPLICATIONS

Please note that any applications for Reception in September 2012 should be submitted by 16<sup>th</sup> January. Any queries please contact the School Office.

### COUGHS/COLDS/FLU

This is traditionally the time of year when people have coughs, colds and flu. The NHS key message is 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it,' i.e. use a tissue, bin the tissue, wash your hands. In school we are promoting these measures daily as well as providing tissues and the opportunity to wash hands or use hand gel as a way of stopping the spread of germs.

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB (ASC)

If your child is in KS2 and attends after school club - please remind them that they should arrive at ASC as soon as possible at the end of the school day so that the staff at ASC can take their register promptly thus ensuring that all those who should be there are there!

Should you change your child's ASC routine then please inform the child as well as the ASC staff.

### CALLING ALL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS and CARERS GET FIT FOR FREE WITH TANGSHUTT TRAIL BLAZERS

Get fit and active and boost your wellbeing for free with the Tangshutt Trailblazers. This is a running group organized by Barney Gilligan who has long been an active member of Stockport Harriers and has been especially trained by England Athletics to run running groups. You do not need to be super fit to join in as Barney can help you start off gently and build up gradually each week. Between October and March the group meets every Tuesday at 6pm outside the Cherry Tree Community Shop on Cherry Tree Lane. From April through to September they meet near the playground and football pitches off Gotherage Lane, Cherry Tree.

Please contact Barney for more information on 07805 287716

### CHERRY TREE/ROMILEY FITNESS TRAIL

A new fitness trail has recently been installed along the tarmac Safe Route to School. Each 100 metres is marked with a special plaque so that you can time how long it takes you to walk, or run!, between them. The current record for running the trail is held by Barney at just 4 minutes 1 second. The current record for a child walking the trail is held by Patrick and is 8 minutes 23 seconds© The winning times are displayed on the notice board on Tangshutt Lane.

**\*CAN YOU BEAT THESE TIMES?**

