



2nd November 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope that the children enjoyed their holiday.

This next half term is always action packed as we head towards Christmas. The staff and I look forward to welcoming you to some of the events taking place over the next few weeks.

Inspection

The second part of our Inspection takes place on 15th, 16th, 17th November. This part involves further lesson observations, pupil, staff and Governor Interviews and intensive scrutiny of pupils' work and assessment. We would ask that you keep us all in your prayers at this time.

Traffic Patrol

I am informed that a "Lollipop person" has been appointed; hopefully they will take up their post later this week after training has been completed.

Trentham High School

I was pleased to welcome the newly appointed Head from Trentham High school Mrs Martin to come and have a look around our school.

I do have some newsletters from Trentham for anyone who is interested in looking at this as a Secondary option.

PTA

Please do support the various PTA events that are taking place over the coming weeks, all money raised is used to benefit our pupils. The interactive white boards which were fitted during the summer are proving an effective teaching tool.

Autumn Lights Disco

Thursday 4th November 6-30pm to 8-00pm. All welcome. Nursery children must be accompanied by an adult please.

Sunday 14th November 7pm - Ladies Evening

Held at the Arch Chinese Restaurant in Newcastle -price£20. On previous occasions this has been a very enjoyable evening. Please send in reservations before 5th November.

The PTA Annual General Meeting

The AGM takes place in the school Hall on Wednesday 17th November at 7-30pm

Monday December 6th Non Uniform Day in exchange for Christmas Hamper items, any spare items will be donated to a local charity for the homeless.

Donna Louise "Every Toy Counts" Appeal

Mrs Edwards is organising a collection of second hand or new toys to be donated to the Donna Louise Trust. An appeal has been made recently by the Donna Louise Trust for any unwanted toys whether second hand or new in order to stock their shops before Christmas. These toys can be sold and the money used to provide much needed care for local children and their families. This is an excellent time to clear out any toys that your children may have grown out of in anticipation of Father Christmas making his deliveries on the 25th December. We would dearly love to be able to support this worthwhile cause through your help. If you have any unwanted toys whether old or new please can you bring them into school **before** Wednesday 10th November.

Diary Dates

Nurse Drop-In 3-00pm to 4-00pm 4th November and 2nd December (The School Nurse is available to talk through any concerns you may have about your child's health)

November 23rd P5 Assembly, parents welcome. School Hall at 3-00pm

December 3rd Prep visit to New Vic Theatre -Peter Pan. If you have not already paid for this trip would you please send in your consent form and money before the 5th November.

December 6th Non Uniform Day – in exchange for Christmas Hamper goodies.

December 8th School Christmas lunch

December 9th Reception and Pre Prep Christmas Concert 2-00pm School Hall

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December 13th School Choir singing at Trentham Gardens 1-30pm.

December 13th Raffle draw for PTA during assembly

December 14th Prep Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church Newcastle 6-45pm for 7-00pm (all Prep children are expected to attend this event)

15th December School Choir singing at "The Meadows", Bentilee 10-30am to 11-30 am

15th December Nursery Festive Fun afternoon 2-00pm onwards (Parents welcome to attend)

16th December Charity Film Morning.

16th December School closes for Christmas (Joes Club as usual)

16th December PTA Christmas disco 6-30 to 8-00pm (Nursery children must be accompanied by an adult please)

4th January 2011 School Re-opens

Yours sincerely,

S. D. Hutchinson .

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