



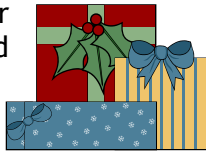
Dear Parent(s)

CASHLESS CATERING

Last Monday letters were issued concerning the implementation of a cashless system in our Bistro. Unfortunately it appears that not all pupils received this letter and therefore the biometric registration will not take place next Monday and Tuesday. This will give all our parents the opportunity to consider the contents of the letter. A new date will be arranged for the Spring term.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

We did it!! I am delighted to announce that we exceeded our total for last year and sent 261 boxes to the Operation Christmas Child Charity. My thanks go to all of you who sent in boxes for this very worthy cause.



CAROL SERVICE TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER

A reminder that our annual Carol Service will be held on Tuesday, 16 December at 7.00 pm in the Liverpool Cathedral. This is a compulsory event for all non-Muslim students. Pupils are to be seated by 6.45 pm at the latest. All parents and friends are welcome to attend this family service, which usually finishes around 8.15 pm. On this occasion there will be no car parking charges at the Cathedral.

School will close at 12.30 pm on the afternoon of Tuesday, 16 December to all except our Muslim students, who will be in school for instruction from a Representative of the Muslim Community. A sandwich lunch will be available for Muslim pupils on 16 December if this has been booked prior to the event through Mrs McElhinney-Samson. Any pupils who usually receive free school meals may order a sandwich if they wish; again please see Mrs McElhinney-Samson as soon as possible.

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Tuesday, 16 December - Carol Service

Wednesday, 17 December - End of term

School will close at 12.30 pm on both of these days. Could you please make arrangements for your daughter to leave school at these earlier finish times. Please note that the 600 and 646 buses are available to collect pupils at 12.30 pm on both these days.

HOLIDAY DATES

I would like to draw your attention to the holiday dates for 2009-2010 which are printed on the reverse of this Newsletter. The Liverpool Authority has joined with our neighbouring authorities in a pilot scheme to standardise the holiday dates throughout the area. This is the reason why there has been a slight delay in the publication of these dates.

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate Katherine Linforth of Form 8HT who was one of eleven winners of a competition run by Radio City. Katherine was awarded a prize for creating a healthy school meal idea - 'Eat Well, Do Well' and won £100 of HMV vouchers. Katherine was a guest of Radio City yesterday afternoon and met members of the Radio City Crew; she was treated to a tour of the Tower and a very nice healthy lunch! Thanks go to Mrs Donnison for arranging for Radio City to come to school last month and to Ellie Jones who accompanied Katherine on the visit.

Congratulations also to Bethan Caine, Year 10, who played an important role in the NHS Christmas Carol Service. This was a particularly important occasion as the NHS is celebrating its 60th Birthday. Bethan was representing the Nursing Service of the 19th Century. During the afternoon Bethan met Ken Dodd.

The Tate Gallery recently held a North West regional competition inviting designs for "Cities of the Future". Mr Symonds from our Art Department has been working with Year 8 on the project and six girls were successful in having their designs accepted. Congratulations go to Sian Appleton, Charlotte Bowness, Megan Holland, Hannah Lynch, Emily Stout and Rebecca Whittle whose work will be on show for a private viewing this Sunday and then on public display for the next month.

HOLIDAY DATES

The term dates for the academic year of 2009-2010 have now been set and are printed below for your information. Dates of Inset Days are also detailed. The remaining two Inset days have been incorporated into Twilight Sessions for the staff, the dates of which do not affect pupils.

These dates will be posted on our website in due course.

AUTUMN TERM 2009

Tuesday, 1 September - Friday, 18 December

Pupils return:

Thursday, 3 September

Half Term:

26 October - 30 October

SPRING TERM 2010

Monday, 4 January - Thursday, 1 April

Half Term:

15 February - 19 February

SUMMER TERM 2010

Monday, 19 April - Tuesday, 20 July

Pupils return: Tuesday, 20 April

May Day: Monday, 3 May

Half Term: 31 May - 4 June

INSET DAYS

Tuesday, 1 September 2009

Wednesday, 2 September 2009

Monday, 19 April 2010

“GREAT EXPECTATIONS” ENGLISH TRIP - YEARS 7 & 8

We would like to sincerely apologise for the problems we have experienced with this trip for your daughter. We received notification from the Theatre first thing on Monday to say that there was an unfortunate amount of illness amongst the cast and the performance had to be cancelled. We were then delighted to hear that the Theatre could fit us in next Monday, but again they have had to cancel due to further illness. However, we are hopeful that the new rearranged date of Monday, 12 January 2009 will go ahead as planned and would ask you to take a note of this date for your diaries.

SPREADING FESTIVE CHEER!

On Thursday, 11 December, students from Year 12 visited the residents of Telford Court to deliver Christmas cards and presents. The students served refreshments and chatted enthusiastically to the residents, promising to return in January to resume the friendships they have made and to help out with shopping during the winter months. Another group provided music to accompany the carol singing and were greatly appreciated. Our students were a credit to the school and to themselves.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Thursday, 15 January 2009:

3.00 pm - Early school closure

3.15 - 6.00 pm - Year 11 Parents' Meeting

Tuesday, 27 January 2009:

3.00 pm - Early school closure

3.15 - 6.00 pm - Year 9 Parents' Meeting and Key Stage 4 Curriculum Meeting

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BEGINNING OF NEXT TERM

Spring Term starts for all pupils on Monday, 5 January 2009 at the normal time.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.


*For
God so
loved the
world, that
He gave His
only begotten Son*