



# Head's Newsletter

Dear Reader

## CAROL SERVICE TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER

Our annual Carol Service will be held on Tuesday, 15 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 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, 15 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 15 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.

## SHOE BOX APPEAL

You still have time to send in your shoe boxes for our annual 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal as the final collection day is **Tuesday, 1 December**; Archbishop Blanch School is the last collection in the City. We always have such a tremendous response from our school community and every year have managed to break the record of our previous year; this year we are slightly down on last year's numbers. This weekend is an ideal time for girls to collect their goods and pack the shoe boxes ready to bring in on Monday.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR YEAR 9 PARENTS

YEAR 9 PARENTS MEETING & KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM EVENING This event, which was due to take place on 9 December, has been postponed and will now take place on **Wednesday, 10 March 2010**.

## EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE

YEAR 12 & YEAR 13 PARENTS' MEETING - THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER School will close at 3.00 pm to accommodate this event. Could you please make arrangements for your daughter to leave school at this earlier finish time. The 600 bus will be available at 3.00 pm but not the 646. The 646 bus will arrive at its usual time and any pupil wishing to catch this bus can stay in Homework Club (held in the Careers Room) until the bus arrives.

## ADVENT

The season of Advent is upon us and we will be celebrating it in assembly on Monday morning. Short Communion services will be held each Tuesday Morning in the Quiet Room at 8.00 am throughout Advent commencing 1 December. Parents are very welcome to join us.



## CONGRATULATIONS

I am delighted to announce that school has been awarded National Healthy Schools Status. Congratulations and many thanks go to Mr Jones (Science Teacher and Head of Year 10)..... we received confirmation on Monday that we had achieved this status - an extremely important recognition of the work carried out by the school to promote healthy lifestyles among the pupils. A tremendous amount of work has to be completed and information collected to meet the standards of the awarding body, and I would like to thank Mr Jones and all the departments and individuals who helped to provide the evidence. We were represented at the celebration event in St George's Hall yesterday afternoon.

I would also like to thank Mrs Carson for arranging for art work, photography and poetry from last year's Year 7 pupils produced for their Kensington Project to be digitally mounted on a display that is now fixed to one of the yard walls. It really does highlight the creativity of the girls and gives a great splash of colour to the yard. Congratulations and well done to all the pupils who took part in the project.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

School supported this Charity with an own clothes day and a sponge throwing event, when members of staff volunteered to have wet sponges aimed at them by pupils. Thank you to the brave teachers - Miss Bennett, Mr Butcher, Mr Jones, Mr Mottram, Mr Pearson, Mr Pratt and Mr Slowey - over £300 was raised from this event. Altogether £1, 587.20 was raised, which is the most we have ever collected in any one day!



## OPERATION SEND A SMILE

Mrs Collier, Head of Geography, has for the last fortnight held workshops during the lunch hour to support the work of the BBC Blue Peter charity 'Send a Smile'. They have been making operating gowns for children in India who are having cleft lip and cleft palate operations. For every gown made, £3 is saved on the cost of the operation. Each operation costs the Charity £150 so for every 50 gowns made, another child can have the operation. Mrs Collier has had a tremendous response and over 50 gowns have been made to send away.

## YEAR 7 'READATHON'

Year 7 are taking part in 'Readathon', a sponsored read, to raise money for The Roald Dahl Foundation and CLIC Sargent (who between them spend the money helping children and young people suffering from cancer, Hodgkin's disease, leukaemia, blood disorders and acquired brain injury). It will run from Monday, 23 November to Monday, 7 December and students are encouraged to read as many books as they can during the two weeks. Students will read books at home, during their ALP sessions and during some registrations. The money will be collected during the week beginning Monday, 7 December. Thank you to all parents/carers for their support during the 'Readathon' fortnight.

## YEAR 10 AND 11 ENTERPRISE EVENT

Businesswomen of the future showcased their talents in Train 2000's prestigious 2009 Celebration of Success awards at Aintree Racecourse on Wednesday, 18 November attended by over 200 delegates and civic dignitaries. Ten Merseyside businesswomen were rewarded for their achievements by the Liverpool based women's enterprise agency. Established in 1996, Train 2000 has helped thousands of women create and develop businesses across the North West.

Behind the scenes a team of Year 10 students from our School have been working on projects to design the awards, certificates and programmes as well as training to film the event for future Podcasts. Mr Jones' Year 10 Technology class were asked to design and make the trophies. Ashleigh Thurston, 10JO, designed the winning award.

Our Year 11 Young Enterprise Company 'Elephant Enterprises' also attended the event, set up their very professional stall to sell their unique bracelet designs competing with other local businesswomen. Mrs Addy and Miss Deaves reported how proud they were of Year 10 and 11, the commitment shown by the teams and the hard work and extra time they put in with Lynne Evans from Train 2000. The day was a huge success and once again, our girls were wonderful ambassadors for Archbishop Blanch. Well done everyone.

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations go to Year 12 who achieved the highest attendance for the month of October with 95.9%. I would also like to congratulate 12JM who were the form who had the highest attendance with 98.5%. Well done Year 12!

## APPLIED LEARNING INITIATIVES

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN FOOD SAFETY: All Year 10 Food Technology students will follow a course in Design Technology lessons on the 2 and 9 December, culminating in an exam for the Certificate.

BRITISH SAFETY COUNCIL ENTRY LEVEL AWARD IN WORKPLACE HAZARD AWARENESS: All Year 10 will complete work during PSHE lessons to gain this Certificate before going out on work experience in February.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

PA DISCO: The next disco will be held on Thursday, 3 December, 7.00 - 9.00 pm in the School Hall. Tickets will be on sale next week at break times on Monday for Year 9, Tuesday for Year 8 and Wednesday for Year 7. Please note there will be no paying on the door.

## 'FAVOURABLE WINDS'

This is a concert of music performed by the Hope Park Concert Band, of which Mr Charlesworth (Peripatetic Teacher) is a member, along with Sean Chandler, an ex-member of our Peripatetic staff. The concert is to take place at 7.30 pm on 2 December at the Hope Park Campus.