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## NEWSLETTER NO. 05

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Dear Parents,

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Christmas Concert for parents at 9.30 am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Assembly for whole school
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Concert performance at 7.00 pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Concert performances at 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil School Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Mufti Day and Discos
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Governors Merit Assembly at 9.15 am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Fundraising Fun Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Visit to pantomime at Grove Theatre
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Magic Show for Years 1 – 4 with Eugene Mathias –“Miss School Miss out”

### School Term Dates:

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2008	Spring term begins
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term week begins
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term week begins
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for the summer holidays

### Christmas Celebrations

You will see from our dates above that we have a number of events planned for the festive season. We look forward to celebrating with the children and watching their performances. If you have a child in Key Stage 1 and have not yet ordered your tickets, please make sure you hurry! If you are buying Christmas presents online from Amazon or other major stores' websites, remember that you can go via Watling's webstore (link on our website). All your purchases will raise money for our children.

### Fundraising Fun Day

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December we are planning a fun day to raise funds to buy a defibrillator for the school. We are being supported by St John Ambulance and have planned a number of first-aid themed activities for the children and their families. We will begin the day with a coffee morning, so please come and join us from 9 a.m. There will be a hamper raffle and a sponsored family quiz. The children (and staff) are invited to come in 'mufti' for a donation of £1 (or more if you wish!) – the theme is doctors, nurses, paramedics, casualties. Activities for the children include a bandaging race, treasure hunt, tuck shop, and many more. There is a competition to design a poster advertising the event – if your child would like to enter, please send posters in to the office. They need to

be A3 or A4, colourful and have a first aid theme, mentioning the date and asking for support. Please make sure his/her name is on the back. There is an entry fee of £1 and there will be a prize for the winner. The closing date is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. There is also a competition to bring in your casualty teddy/action man etc. so bring it in with bandages etc. – entry fee also £1 and there will be a prize for this winner as well. Please bring these in on the day. We would be very grateful for your support to help us raise the £1,000 needed to buy this important piece of equipment and train staff in its use. If someone has a heart attack and the defibrillator is used within five minutes, the casualty has a 90% chance of survival. This is sadly not the case if they have to wait for an ambulance to arrive. There are plans to make it a legal requirement for employers to have this equipment but if we order before 31<sup>st</sup> December, St John Ambulance will train one member of staff free.

### **Annual Parents' Survey Questionnaire**

We have just issued our annual questionnaire. So as not to waste paper this year (last year we had a 20% return rate meaning we paid unnecessarily for over 600 photocopies pages) we have only automatically sent them out to new parents and guardians. However, should you wish to participate, please inform the office staff who will be delighted to provide you with a copy.

### **Lost Keys**

An important set of keys has been mislaid by a visitor to the school. It is a large bunch, including different types of key. If your child has mentioned seeing a bunch of keys in or around the school, please contact the office.

### **Outside Play Equipment**

Unfortunately children have been seen playing on the wooden equipment on the field after school. Please ensure that this does not happen as the equipment is unsafe when damp and muddy. Thank you for your co-operation.

Ian Black  
Headteacher

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