

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Here is a list of events for your diary. You will receive further information on them nearer the time.

November

Friday 20th Children in Need Mufti day and
Cake Sale 3.00 p.m.

December

Saturday 5th PTA Christmas Fayre 11- 1p.m.
Monday 7th Nativity for Grandparents- 1.45 p.m.
Tuesday 8th Nativity Play- 9.30 a.m. Surnames A—J
Wednesday 9th Nativity Play- 9.30 a.m. Surnames K—Z
Tuesday 15th The Pied Piper Theatre company in at 1.45 p.m.
Tuesday 15th Christmas lunch
Wednesday 16th Class parties
Friday 18th End of Term- 2.00 p.m.

January

Monday 4th INSET day
Tuesday 5th Start of the Spring term

February

Friday 12th Break up for Half term
Monday 22nd Children return to school

Warmest Wishes,



Mr. S. P. Hobbs
Head teacher



Newsletter 5

Friday 13th November 2009

Dear Parents & Carers,

The festive season is once again fast approaching and everyone in school is working extremely hard. The children and teachers are practising for the school nativity- learning songs and practising their acting skills. The PTA are working hard on the final details of the Christmas Fair (more about that later), and the Governing body are setting the objectives and budget for the school in the next financial year. The next financial year is continuing to see Surrey schools put under even more increasing financial pressure with the Government's expected financial payment to be well under the rate of inflation once again and with the continued economic downturn. The good news is that the governing body are confident that with careful budgeting, Send First School will continue to be able to offer the high standards and quality of education that you have come to expect.

Half term Work

Half term was an exciting week in school, as I'm sure you will have noticed by now, we have had some work carried out on the school's playground with lovely new markings for the children, who seem to love them. This has been made possible by funds generated by the PTA. Many thanks to them for all of their support and hard work.

Eco-School

We are currently working towards the school becoming an Eco-school with a lower carbon footprint. As a result we are working closely with Guildford Borough Council on ways to make the school more energy. One project is the installation of solar panels to help with electricity generation. We have already been granted a 50% donation of £20,000 from the Low Carbon Trust, but we need more. If you work for a company that operates a community or Corporate Social Responsibility fund for projects, could you please speak to Mr. Hobbs with detail of how to make a request for funding. We only have until Oct 2010 to complete the project before the funding is withdrawn, so any help is most appreciated. Thank you.

Children in Need Day- Friday 20th November

As in previous years we will be supporting the Children in Need appeal by having a school Mufti day. The children may wear 'Mufti' to school and bring in a donation of 50p towards the appeal. There will also be a cake sale, so please keep an eye out for signs and a request for cake donations.

Post Box.

The post box will be put up near the library on Thursday 3rd December. The children can use the post box to send cards to their friends in the school. Please help us to deliver the cards to the right person by ensuring that each card has the child's full name and class clearly marked on the envelope.

Christmas Chest.

We are collecting monies to fill the chest. This money is used to buy Christmas presents for our admin, catering and lunch time supervision staff. If you would like to make a donation towards this, please send them in by Friday 11th December.

PTA

Well done to the PTA for raising the sum of £117 at the recent cake sale. Following the AGM meeting held on Thursday 16th October the PTA have set targets for the items that they would like to purchase for the children this academic year. We hope that you will support them in raising this money for the benefit of our children. This year the PTA have decided to ask each child to design their own Christmas card, that will be printed by Christmas cards for School and are available for you to purchase. The price is £5.00 for 10, with 25% of all proceeds donated to the school PTA. Finally we have the Christmas Fair on Saturday Dec 5th, from 11 - 1pm which is being opened by Father Christmas at 11.10. Look out for more information on this soon, as we would really appreciate all of your support for raffle prizes, toy donations, tombola prizes and support on the day.

Before schools

Now that the children have been in school for half a term, we would like to encourage parents to feel that they can now leave their children at the beginning of the day- 8.40 a.m. onwards when the school playground is supervised by a member of staff. This, it is hoped will encourage the children to be more independent and will hopefully mean that they will be less intimidated and confused by the number of adults we have on site in the morning.

Advanced Warning- Christmas Nativities

Our Christmas Nativity this year is called ' It's a Cracker'

We will be showing on :

Monday 7th Dec for Grandparents (places from the draw)- 1.45 p.m.

Tuesday 8th Dec for parents of children whose surnames commence with A-J - 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 9th Dec for parents of children whose surnames commence with K-Z - 9.30 a.m.

May I remind you that due to Safeguarding children regulations the use of video recorders and cameras is permitted for family viewing only. We would ask that if you are doing either of these activities that you please move to the back of the seating area so as not to obstruct others from viewing.

Please Note- as has been the case in previous years there is no room for pre-school children or babies in the hall. A Parent run crèche facility will be provided in the library. In the past this has enable all parents to enjoy the nativities. If you can please volunteer to help in the crèche via the school office. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

This will be on Tuesday 15th December for those children who have ordered it. The cost of the lunch is £2.00 and orders are being taken until the 1st December for **any** child who wishes to have it. Please note there is no need to order the lunch if your child normally has school meals.

Gentle reminder

For the interests of safety could I remind parent **not to cross the car park**, but to use the main paths when collecting children. Could I also remind parents that the morning bell is rung at 8.50 a.m. Thank you

Christmas Menu

