

# December Newsletter



16<sup>th</sup> December 2011

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

## Christmas Performances

I have just come home from the KS2 Carol Concert; what a super evening. I was impressed with the singing, the range of information about Christmas that the children shared and their confidence in speaking on the stage in front of such a large audience. It was good to come back to school to remember the meaning of Christmas after a day of festivities in school with Christmas lunch and parties.

The children certainly seemed to enjoy the Christmas parties; on my visit around the classrooms I saw children having fun playing musical chairs, wink murder, enjoying cake and crisps and a quiz in year 5/6, with some very interesting answers to such questions as who is the deputy prime minister? Perhaps ask your children and see who they think! The children each had a Christmas cracker and I must have been asked in every class: "what do you call an elephant that can fly?" (A jumbo jet!)

Last week we enjoyed the very successful Reception and KS1 production of "Sparkle". The children did an amazing job of learning their dances, the words to all the songs and their lines if they are in Year 2. One of the children's favourite songs was "I want to be a superstar!" I think all the children have proved in the last couple of weeks that they are superstars!

The PTFA have kindly donated class presents to each class which have been delivered by a special visitor in a red and white suit!

The Christmas celebrations have proved a culmination of a very exciting term, and I have appreciated how hard all the staff have worked. We have been determined to improve behaviour this term and are very pleased with our results. Children are enjoying the merits, extra playtime and sunshine rewards they have earned; Elm house were the first winners of the house trophy yesterday. We are thrilled that so many children have stayed on the sunshine all half-term; please check in your child's book bag to see if they have a special certificate and celebrate with them!



I am very excited about what we have planned for next term. The teachers have asked the children what they would like to learn next term and there may be a few surprises. The staff will be in school in the holidays making some changes. I hope the children like what they see on their return and enjoy their new topics; news to follow in January.

### **Parent Governor Election**

Ian Henderson and Matthew Walker have been elected as parent governors. We appreciate them standing for election. The role of the governing body is highly important to the success of the school and we look forward to working in partnership with them.

### **Weather Warnings**

In the event of adverse weather please listen to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire or Heart 103 for information regarding school closure. We will also send a notice via ParentMail and post information on our website if the decision is made to close the school. If we do have snow at school please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear; in deep snow only children with wellies / waterproof boots and coats will be allowed to play outside.

### **Dinner Money**

School dinner money should be handed in to your child's class teacher on a Monday in a sealed and named envelope. If you would like to pay on a half termly basis a cheque can be written for £56 for the first half of the spring term. Cheques should be made payable to Melbourn Primary School.

### **And finally ..... Only 9 more sleeps...**

I spent some time today talking to children and was struck by the very definite gender difference in expectation of Christmas presents; many boys are hoping for an X-box or X-box games, water pistol or remote controlled toy whilst the girls mentioned dolls, a sewing machine or lipstick! (The latter must have been a girl after my own heart; you can't beat a bit of lippy!!)

On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas. I hope you enjoy those special moments with your children ....and remember how much you love them when they wake you up really early on Christmas morning!! I hope that 2012 is healthy and happy for you all.

See you back in school on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**

### **Dates**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> January – The first day of the Spring Term
- 4<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 & 6 Inspirational Day – “Pirates”
- 6<sup>th</sup> January – Years 1 & 2 Inspirational Day – “Hot, Hot, Hot”
- 6<sup>th</sup> January – Reception Pattern Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> February – School closed for staff training
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term
- 16<sup>th</sup> March – PTFA Spring Disco
- 16<sup>th</sup> March - PTFA Mother's Day Market
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Class Photographs
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – End of Spring Term

Best Wishes

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