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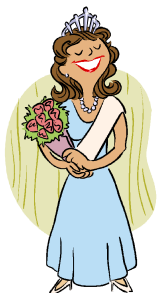
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COMPETITION WINNERS



Thank you to all our children who entered the Christmas Fair poster competition. We had lots of entries. It is always lovely to see your ideas and always very hard to choose the winners! However, the judges chose:

KS2 winner—Molly I (Y5)

KS1 winner—Lucy M (Y2)

Our runners up were:

Freya (Y6) Zahra (Y5) Anna T (Y2) Matthew S (Y2) Nidaa (Reception) and George W (Y1)



Winners and runners-up got prizes in today's assembly and the winners entries will be used to promote the Christmas Fair on Saturday, 27th November in poster form and on the programme.

KS2 SEASONAL SINGALONG

To replace our carol concert this year we thought we would try something new!



Friday, 10th December at 3.30pm

Come along to sing carols and festive songs together around our

Outdoor Christmas Tree



just outside the main building, opposite the rainbow room.

Parents, carers and children are invited to join us after school to get in the festive spirit by singing favourite carols and seasonal songs.

Enjoy a mince pie and a warming drink under our lit up outdoor Christmas tree.

All KS2 children and parents are welcome to celebrate together. Younger siblings are welcome, but are entirely the responsibility of their parents.

BIKE IT



Thank you to all parents who attended the Bike It coffee morning last Friday. More and more children are cycling to school, so please continue to encourage them and remember they can win prizes if they do! We had a record of 35 bikes in our bike shed one day this term, but numbers are dropping due to wet and cold weather. Remember—there is no wrong weather to cycle in: just wrong clothing! Please could you also remind the younger children that they should not scoot or ride their bikes in the playground before school. We worry that pedestrians might be mown down by a little one on wheels!



Watermans' Christmas Lights Event: 26th November 2010: This year's theme is 'polar bears' Organised by the Extended Services team. 4.00pm Christmas decoration workshop begins / 6.00pm parents, children, choir arrive, Bjorn walkabout starts / 6.15pm choir / 6.30pm competition winners announced and lights on! 7.00pm mingling and mulled wine. 8.00pm event ends.

GUIDED READING—PARENTS WANTED



Children love it when someone takes the time to listen to them read and discuss their books at school. We are looking for parents to volunteer to support a new drive to raise the standards of reading even higher at our school. Every class in KS1 will do "Guided reading" between 9.00 and 9.30 each day and KS2 classes will do guided reading three times a week between 9.00—9.30 We would really appreciate it



if parents could stay on for half an hour, after they have dropped off their children to school, to read with individuals or groups of children. Please see your class teacher if you are able to spend time with our readers, help to give them the additional confidence to gain a love of reading that will last a lifetime. You will need to fill in a quick form in order to get a 'police check' prior to coming in to work with children. Please collect a form from the office.

PHOTO ORDER

Photo orders must be back in by 25th November at the latest. Late orders have to be sent directly to the photographer and an additional charge will be made.

MUSIC LETTERS HAVE GONE HOME

Please bring in the slips and the payment from the music letters which went home this week as soon as possible. Thank you.

MILK AND MEALS LETTERS HAVE ALSO GONE HOME

Make sure you order your milk and school meal in advance please. Letters are going out today!

QUIET WEEK—22ND—26TH NOV

Our teachers and staff work really hard to promote learning and make school as enjoyable as possible. They give of their time freely and always seem happy to go the extra mile. Once a term, therefore we have QUIET week. During this week we try to have no meetings, no outings, no training and just enjoy some high quality teaching and learning. This encourages our staff to go home early. You would be amazed how many teachers work from 7.30—6.00pm every day. I know you will help during this time to limit your interactions with them, but please don't ever think we don't want to hear from you if it is an emergency. Thank you

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday, 14th December sees Terri and Toni serving a delicious Christmas lunch. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, but normally has a packed lunch, please order one from the school office by Thursday, 2nd December at the latest. Lunches cost just £1.80.

COFFEE MORNING UP-DATE

Friday, 26th November: "Learning Styles" designed to help adults and children to work out their learning style so that they can create the best possible learning environment. Led by Sam Birnage. Friday 10th Dec is called "Managing Children's Behaviour" and is led by an ex-Teacher and now Consultant, Georgie Edmonds.

GREEK BANQUET IN Y4

Year 4 enjoyed a Greek dinner party yesterday as part of their studies on Ancient Greece.

