

# **ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL**

## **NEWS UPDATE – December 2014**

### **Family Bereavement**

A heart-felt thank you to both parents and staff for the compassion and support you have shown to me and my family following the death of my father on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. It has been a particularly difficult and challenging time for us but we have gained great comfort from your wonderful love and kind words. It has really meant a lot to me – Thank You.

### **OFSTED Inspection**

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our recent OFSTED Inspection which took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November, and particularly to those parents who took the time to complete the on-line questionnaire. This information will be incorporated into the final report, which is expected to be published and sent out from school in the next couple of weeks. There were 134 responses from parents and of these the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and extremely supportive of the school. A summary of these outcomes can be viewed on line through OFSTED's Parent View.

### **Christmas Services**

Our Christmas Services start this week, parents and family are welcome to join us for this very special time of the year.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Y1/2 Nativity for Y1 parents**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Y1/2 Nativity for Y2 parents**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Y3/4 Christingle for Y3 parents**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Y3/4 Christingle for Y4 parents**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Foundation Stage Nativity for parents**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, St. Peter's Church – Y5/6 Carol Service, all welcome**

### **Christmas Gifts**

Each year at Christmas we think of other children in our local area who are less fortunate than ourselves. The children at St. Peter's are invited to donate a brand-new toy or present that is wrapped with a label indicating whether it is for a boy or girl and an approximate age group. The presents will be placed under our Christmas tree in the hall. This year we are supporting the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead and the Children's Centre in Seacombe. Representatives from the two groups will collect the gifts during the last week of term and the presents will be given out to children and families in these two areas during the week of Christmas. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause. The last date to donate a gift will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Christmas Dinner**

Our traditional Christmas dinner will be served on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. This will be free for pupils in Foundation and KS1 and will £2.30 for pupils in KS2. To help with numbers the kitchen have requested that this is pre-paid and should be handed into the school office in an envelope marked with your child's name and class.

## **St. Peter's School Choirs singing in Heswall**

Our new school choirs will be singing in Heswall over the next couple of weeks. The Concordia Choir led by our Music Leader, Helen Chetwood, will be singing at Heswall Hall on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, when they will be singing Christmas carols and a number of their own songs, as part of the Christmas light 'switch on.' They will also be performing as part of the school's Carol Service at St. Peter's Church led by the pupils in Years 5&6. Our Community Choir, which includes staff and is led by Miss Collins, will be singing both modern and traditional carols at the entrance of Tesco on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December between 4pm and 5pm. The choir will be collecting money for one of our school charities. You are welcome to join us at either of these events.

## **Gift Afternoon**

This year's gift afternoon takes place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December and will follow a similar format to previous years. The afternoon provides the chance for pupils to purchase a Christmas gift for their family and friends. All gifts are priced at £2 each and the children are invited to bring their money in on this day, cheques should be made payable to St. Peter's Fundraising. The children will initially be able to buy two gifts each with the chance to purchase further gifts at the end of the afternoon if there are any left.

## **Christmas Parties**

The Christmas parties are scheduled for the last week of term. The pupils in FS2 and Years 1&2 should come to school dressed in their party clothes, while pupils in KS2 should bring their clothes to change into after lunch. The children are invited to bring a decorated hat for the Christmas hat competition, if they wish to enter. There will be three categories original, festive and novelty and a prize will be awarded for each category. A small plate of party food will be provided by school for each child. The dates of this year's parties are:-

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – FS2 and Years 1&2

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Years 3&4

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Years 5&6

## **Eco-Team Christmas Raffle**

Following last year's success, our Eco team have once again organised a raffle to raise money for their eco planting project later this year. The prize is a hamper of Fair-Trade and Organic goods that have been donated by two local supermarkets and an independent shop, with special thanks to Whitmore & White, Tesco and Morrisons. These have been collected by members of the Eco team. Raffle tickets will be available to buy after each of our Christmas services in school at £1 each. The draw will be made in the last week of term.

### Whole School Christmas Service

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our whole school Christmas Service at St. Peter's Church. The children will be walking down to church after registration and it would be helpful to have some parent volunteers who can walk down with them. Please let class teachers know if you can help with this.

### End of Term – Break up for Christmas

The last day of term is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and we will be breaking up for Christmas at 2:30pm. The new school term starts for staff on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January, which is a training day. **Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.** May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family and very special and Happy Christmas this year and we look forward to seeing you at many of our Christmas celebrations over the next few weeks.

**Chris Penn**  
**HEADTEACHER**