

Badshot Lea Village Infant School



Newsletter Number 9

Tuesday 20th December 2011

Dear Parents,
Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Mrs McMahon on the birth of Zara on Wednesday 7th December and to Mrs Langley on the birth of Cecilia on Sunday 18th December. Both mothers and daughters are doing well. We look forward to meeting the new members of the McMahon and Langley families very soon.

Christmas Celebrations at Badshot Lea

We were delighted to welcome parents, grandparents and family members to our Christmas Performances of The Little Blue Star and The Best Gift last week. Approximately 500 adults watched our Christmas Plays over five performances. Very many thanks to parents and childminders for organising the crèche on several occasions. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Another thank you, but this time a huge thank you to everyone who supported our charitable collection at the end of each performance. We collected a magnificent £519.22 which in the current financial climate is well beyond our hopes. You must all be congratulated on your support of Christopher's. After the Christmas Holiday we will arrange for a cheque to be presented, but in the meantime thank you on behalf of the children and families at Christopher's for your extremely generous support.

Christmas Lunch was a great success with 119 children enjoying a turkey roast dinner, chocolate and vanilla ice cream and a festive shortbread biscuit - the largest number of participants so far!

Children in year two sang at St George's Church at the evening service on Sunday 18th December. Thank you to parents and family members for supporting the choir whilst they sang two Christmas Carols and the first verse of Away in a Manger.

Yet another thank you, but this time for all the delicious, healthy and beautifully presented Christmas Party food. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in party clothes and eating their party food at lunch time. I am sure you would wish to join me in saying a big thank you to all our lovely Teaching Assistants and Support Staff for arranging the tables and party food so expertly.

Christmas Decorations

Thank you to everyone who has already donated old, unwanted Christmas Decorations to school. If you have not already done so but would like to recycle old Christmas Decorations, we would be happy to accept them at the beginning of next term. We will then recycle items next festive season in art projects. Do please think of us if you are having a Christmas Decorations 'clear out'. Thank you.

Christingle

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Christingle Candle. If you have not yet had the opportunity to put a few coins into the Christingle Candle and would like the opportunity to do so we would be very happy to receive your candle directly after the Christmas Holiday.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor from the beginning of the Spring Term 2012. The position is for four days each school week, although we will consider fewer days as part of a job share arrangement. If you would like to find out more please contact Mrs Payne in the school office as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

Admissions

For parents and carers of children currently in year two and for those starting school in year R in September 2012 your application to junior school or infant school in Surrey must be fully completed by 15th January 2012. I would advise that you do not leave completing your on-line or paper application until the closing date. If you have a Surrey address you will need to apply on a Surrey form or through their website, whilst parents and carers with a Hampshire address will need to use a Hampshire form or website.

Severe Weather Conditions

As a reminder, school procedures during severe weather conditions are set out below. Please keep this important information to hand. If the weather deteriorates and it becomes impossible to open the school we will make every effort to inform you. Please tune in to Eagle Radio on 96.4 FM or County Sound on 1566 MW. Alternatively visit the Surrey County Council website at www.surreycc.gov.uk then select *Learning / Schools / School Closures* for up-to-date information. We will use ParentMail as much as possible, so please remember to look at your e-mails or texts.

If you arrive at school during severe weather conditions please make sure you check with Mr Fox (our caretaker) or other member of staff that the school is open, before you leave your child.

We will make every endeavour to open the school should we experience severe weather conditions, but I am sure you will appreciate we are unable to open without staff, or if we feel it would be too risky to do so.

Finally

On behalf of the staff, thank you so much for all your good wishes, cards and gifts this Christmas. We really do appreciate your kindness and generosity.

We all wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to seeing you again in 2012. We return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2012: the start of a busy and exciting year of Royal celebrations and the London 2012 Olympics.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Weir

Headteacher