



Charlton Horethorne CE VA Primary School

Newsletter Number 8

Friday 6th January 2017

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school! I do hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing break.

It has been so lovely to see everyone back in school and already the children are working very hard indeed.

I am very pleased to welcome the Ford and Lacey children into school. We all hope that Jasper, Evie, Chloe, Lilly, Alice and Rose will be very happy with us.

Communication between home and school

Thank you to everyone who returned the questionnaire relating to home/school communication.

The outcomes of the responses are as follows:

1. Continue to email the newsletter to those parents who have requested it and also send a paper copy per family.
2. We will try to give as much notice as possible of events/ changes to our calendar. The dates for this year so far are attached to this newsletter.
3. We have investigated and costed a text messaging service. After speaking to a small group of Governors it has been decided that the text messaging service can go ahead but the cost, of £12 per family per year, should be met by the parents.

Therefore if you would like to receive text messages from school please return the slip attached along with the payment of £6, for the period February to July, to school by Friday 20th January. The service will be live from 1 February.

The Christmas Play

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas performances. I am sure you will agree the children were amazing and the play was fantastic.

We still have cd Roms of all the photos taken by Mrs Rice. If anyone would like one please see Katherine in the office.

If you still have any school costumes please return them to the school office.

Thank you.

After School Clubs

Monday	Dance with Sarafina	KS2
Tuesday	Dance with Sarafina	KS1
	Netball with Miss Hemborough	Years 3,4,5 and 6
Wednesday	Art with Mrs Rice	Years 5 and 6
	Craft with Mrs Watkins	Years 3 and 4
	Craft with Ms Churchward	Years 1 and 2
Thursday	Sports with Mr John	KS1
	Advanced Recorders with Mrs Chapman	
Friday	Sports with Mr John	KS2

All clubs commence week beginning Monday 9 January starting at 3.15pm and finishing promptly at 4pm.

Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week

The following children have been recognised by their teachers as being the Stars of the Week in their class. Well done to:

Chloe, Lilly, George H, Jack D, Katherine, Gabriel, Olivia H, Bea, Vita

Well done to you all!



Samara's Aid Appeal

Do you have any outgrown or unwanted winter clothing or bedding? In early January a collection is being made for the Samara's Aid Appeal, which sends humanitarian aid to refugees and displaced people in Syria and Iraq. Thousands of people are at risk, spending this winter in informal camps and unfinished or damaged buildings.

They need: Winter clothes, new and used – adult, child and baby

Coats & Snow-wear, new and used – adult, child and baby

NEW Underwear only (no used), with tags or in packaging

Shoes, polished (no summer shoes), in immaculate condition

Boots & Welly Boots, clean – adult and child

Blankets, sleeping bags, sheets & towels in immaculate condition

Moses Baskets & baby bedding

Disposable Nappies, sanitary towels & incontinence pads

Care Packs for mothers & babies (please contact Lucy Beney on 01963 220550)

Please wash clothes and blankets, and clean and polish shoes before donating. Everything must be in excellent condition (as you would like it): working zips, buttons intact, stain free, no holes. Thank you very much!

The deadline for donations is Friday 13 January. Please leave donations in the school hall either on Thursday 12 or first thing Friday 13 January.

Lucy Beney is the local coordinator and she will be giving a talk about Syria and Samara's Aid at assembly on Monday 9 January. All parents and carers are welcome to join us for this assembly at 9am.

Any questions please see Mel Oura who is acting as the school's coordinator.



Dates for the term!

Details for each event will be shared nearer the time!

09/01/17	Samara's Aid Appeal - Special Family Assembly 9am
19/01/17	KS2 Inter Schools Cross Country Competition at King Arthur's
19/01/17	Film Night
20/01/17	Cake Sale
09/02/17	Governors' Meeting 6pm
10/02/17	Valentine's Disco
13/02-17/02/17	Half Term
28/02/17	Pancake Breakfast
02/03/17	World Book Day Celebrations plus Cake Sale
07/03/17	Football Match v Horsington (away)
10/03/17	Open School from 10.30am
13/03/17	Parents' Evening (1)
15/03/17	Parents' Evening (2)
16/03/17	Governors' Meeting 6pm
20/03/17	Inservice Training Day
29/03/17	FSA Easter Bingo
30/03/17	Easter Activity Day
31/03/17	Easter Service in the Church at 1.45pm
03/04-14/04/17	Easter Holidays
17/04/17	Bank Holiday
18/04/17	Children Return to School

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After School Clubs - Spring Term 2017

I give permission for my child to take part in the after school activities listed below and will arrange for their collection from school at 4pm.

CHILD(REN)'S NAME(S)

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SIGNED DATE

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Charlton Horethorne Primary School - Text Messaging Service

The School has a duty of care to all of our pupils, and this care comes into being every day at the start of the school day and whilst the pupil is on school premises. In order to assist with this duty this school has made the decision to use a text messaging service to communicate more easily on a number of subjects involving the children, such as Emergency Closure, Reminders of Holidays and Events.

To inform parents or designated carers of important issues the Text Messaging Service will send a standard text message to the designated mobile phone number. Apart from the contact telephone number and the pupil's first name, no other personal data will be retained by the Texting Company.

If you require any further information please contact the school.

Only parents who opt into the service and pay the charge of £12 per annum per family (£6 payable to the end of the academic year) will receive text messages.

We will, however, continue to send emails and paper copies of newsletters to all parents.

NAME

I would like to opt into the text messaging service and enclose payment of £6 for the period 1 February to 31 July 2017.

My designated contact number is

SIGNED DATE