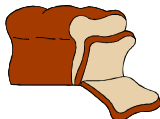


Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had a very enjoyable Christmas vacation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the school choir, orchestra and recorder band for their superb performances at last month's Carol Service. Listening to them really brought home the true spirit of Christmas. Special congratulations to the choir for their outstanding performance in a concert held at Dorchester early in December. Many thanks to Mrs Rewse and Mr Payne for preparing the children to achieve such high standards.

Breakfast Clubs

I can confirm that the proposed Breakfast Clubs will be taking place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.00am starting this coming **Tuesday (11th January)**. **All Children are welcome to join us in the forum** and participate in a breakfast of cereals, toast and fruit juice. The cost will be £1.50 per session payable on the morning. Staff will also offer support for



homework tasks for those children requiring help.

Healthy Eating

As part of a campaign to encourage children to eat healthily, we are intending to introduce 'fruit and vegetable' days. As from **1st February**, every Tuesday and Thursday will be designated as 'fruit and veg only' days. The school tuck shop will not operate on these days and we will encourage children to only bring pieces of fruit and vegetable to school for their playtime snacks. We will obviously welcome the support of parents/carers in this campaign.



Changes in contact details

Keeping our records up to date is vitally important. If there have been any recent changes in your contact details e.g. telephone numbers – please do inform the school office so that we can update our records.

Mr Craner

It is with regret that I have to inform you that we will be losing the services of our Site Manager, David Craner. Mr Craner has worked at

the school since 1993 and during that time has made a valuable contribution. On behalf of all those associated with the school I would like to thank him and wish him every happiness for the future.

Cards

Due to problems which have arisen, football and other collections of cards are no longer allowed in school. Parent/carer support of this ban would be welcomed.

Christmas Bingo & Raffle

Thanks to everyone who participated in or donated towards the Christmas fund-raising activities. About £900 was raised through both events. Many thanks to the Friends for their wonderful organising and endless energy.

The next Friends event is the children's disco that is being held on Friday 4th February.

Year 3 & 4: 6.00 - 7.30pm
Year 5 & 6: 7.45 - 9.15pm
Tickets cost £2 (Including refreshments).

Tsunami Relief Fund

Mrs Heath was Sri Lankan born and is particularly interested in raising awareness and funds for the Tsunami disaster. She has created a calendar to show the beauty of parts of Sri Lanka that have been destroyed, and to remind us of the continued support that will be required over the coming months. If you are interested in a calendar, they can be obtained from the school office for a minimum donation of £5.

Video Recorders

Many of our classes have been fitted with interactive whiteboards. This means that as well as displaying interactive material, they can be used to project video images. Unfortunately we do not have sufficient video players to install one in each room. If any parents/friends have a working VHS player that is surplus to requirements we would be very grateful to receive it.

Bathroom Scales

We are keen to increase the number of bathroom scales that we have in school (for maths lessons!). If you have an old, working set that you would like to donate, we would be most happy to accept them at the school office.

Rocks

Year 3 will be studying rocks later this year. They are desperate to start a collection of rocks – can you help? If you have any examples at home that you would like to donate (e.g. limestone's, granites) please do send to the school office.

Book Fair

Many thanks to the parents/carers that supported the Book Fair. £800 worth of books was sold for which we will receive £500 in books for the school library.

