

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat!! Well, I'm not sure about the goose but the lead-up to Christmas is certainly getting underway.



Narnia

I am sure that you must have read about it in the Echo, viewed it on television or have actually saw the outstanding transformation of Year 6 into scenes from 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.' A fantastic stimulus for reading and writing. My thanks to the Year 6 team and other helpers who gave up their free time to make it such a success.

'Operation Christmas Child'

The shoeboxes have been counted and collected by helpers from The Samaritan's Purse. An amazing 170 boxes were donated – thank you so much to everyone who contributed. A child somewhere will have a truly memorable Christmas through your generosity.

'Speedmark'

The children certainly seemed to enjoy the experience of shooting as fast as they could into the goal. Thank you again to everyone who sponsored the children – we would like to have all the sponsorship money in school by **Friday 5th December**. I will let you know how much has been collected in the January newsletter.



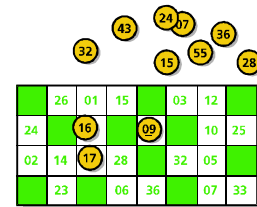
Christmas Post Box

It is the traditional custom to have a Christmas Post Box for children to send cards to one another. The post box is now open and is situated in the entrance hall by the school office. Please ensure that all envelopes are labelled with the **full name (first and surname)** and **class** of the child receiving the card. The cards will be delivered by a special band of Christmas folk on Thursday 18th December.



Friends Christmas Events

The Friends will be holding their annual Christmas Bingo Evening at 6.30pm on Wednesday 10th December with 'eyesdown' at 7.00pm. Tickets are limited, so please don't delay – they are available from the school office priced £3 per family.



Your child should also have brought home raffle tickets for the Christmas Draw. Hopefully you will be able to buy some – please return stubs and unused tickets to school by the morning of the bingo.

Following the Friends AGM, Elaina Flood has assumed the Chair with Rob Vallance taking a bit of respite as the Vice Chair. Many thanks to Rob for his leadership. My thanks to the members of the Committee for their sterling efforts over the past year.

Thank You



Congratulations

Congratulations to Unicorn House for winning the House Point Cup for November – their second success this year.

Congratulations also to Jessica Whisker, Tabitha Ingram, Lexie Howard, Patrick Mogford, Josh Poole and Rebecca Shoulders who competed for the school in an Eco Quiz organised by All Saints School. They achieved joint first place – a great result!



Emergency Closure of the School

In the event of extremely inclement weather (e.g. heavy snowfall) it may be necessary to close the school for a period of time. This decision would only be taken as a last resort.

In times of extreme weather conditions, parents/carers can find out if the school is closed by listening to the following local radio stations:

Wessex FM 96.0 & 97.2 FM

BBC Radio Solent 103.8 FM



Fund Raising for Seb Green

It is incredible to think that on February 1st 2008, 4M waved Seb Green off on his round Britain fund raising walk and now, as we approach December 2008 he is approaching Weymouth! As I write this, Seb is on the coast of Cornwall near Falmouth, with 2,900 miles completed and is due to reach Weymouth on Sunday December 14th. If you would like to contribute to his worthy fundraising efforts, please come along to one of the events listed below. He has raised £14,000 so far and we need to make one big fund raising effort to help him reach £20,000.

1) Please support a fundraising concert by Dorset's newest choir DORSET FOR SINGING at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th December 2008 at All Saints School Hall, Wyke Regis, Weymouth. Admission £2, including glass of wine/juice. All proceeds to 'Seb's Odyssey'. Tickets from Weymouth Music, telephone 01305 781801

2) Sponsored Walk in Aid of Seb's Odyssey Charities (Starlight and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance) Saturday 6th December on Portland.

3) Carols and Mince Pies Around the Christmas Tree. Wyke Regis Junior School, Thursday December 18th 3.15pm.

4) For the latest information visit <http://www.sebsodyssey.org.uk>

5) Welcome Seb home on Sunday December 14th. He completes his walk at the Oasis Café at Overcombe Corner. Keep an eye on the local press for the exact time of arrival.

Morrison's 'Let's Grow' vouchers

We have received an amazing number of these vouchers which will be used to provide tools for our planned horticultural exploits. Many thanks for your donations – if there are any more out there, we would welcome them.



Forthcoming Events

Family members are invited to attend the Christingle Services, Carol Service and Art Exhibition.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday	3 rd December	3pm to 4pm	Art Exhibition in School Hall
Thursday	4 th December	3pm to 4pm	Art Exhibition in School Hall
Wednesday	10 th December	6.30 pm	Friends Bingo & Christmas Draw
Thursday	11 th December	2.30 pm	Year 6 Christingle Service
Friday	12 th December	9.15 am	Year 5 Christingle Service
Tuesday	16 th December		Year 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday	16 th December	6.00 pm	Carol Service – All Saints Church
Wednesday	17 th December		Year 6 Christmas Party
Thursday	18 th December	9.15 am	Year 3 Christingle Service
Thursday	18 th December		Year 5 Christmas Party
Friday	19 th December	9.15 am	Year 4 Christingle Service
Friday	19 th December		Year 3 Christmas Party



A Reminder

Term finishes for the Christmas vacation on Friday 19th December at **2.05pm**

School re-opens at 8.45am on **Tuesday 6th January.**

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff and governors to thank you for your continuing support of the school and wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Carl Saunders

