

# News on the Nineteenth

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## DECEMBER 2010

### SWIMMING

Furzefield resumes on Monday 10th January.

Year 3/4 will be swimming next term.



### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



A huge **Thank You** to all of you generous parents for supporting the school at the Bazaar. The children made some wonderful gifts in school and at the art clubs - thanks to Mrs Vicary and her team. Hopefully children were able to make a gift for each member of their family. We raised in excess of £750. The school intends to purchase a set of child friendly camcorders for children to make their own films. A special thank you to Rachel for organising the Christmas card/gift project. Funds raised went directly into the FTS account.

### KS2 Attainment

Each year Key Stage 2 results are presented in *Primary league tables*. Schools would prefer this not to be the case but whilst this practice takes place I thought parents would be pleased to know that Ponsbourne St Mary's Primary School were placed ninth in the *league table* for Hertfordshire.

Well done to pupils and staff for achieving highly!

### Pond News

We are very excited to announce that we have been successful with a bid for £8000 from the National Lottery to re-establish the pond area. This will involve dragging the pond, putting down a new liner and cleaning the areas all around.

Many thanks to **Rachel McHattie** for submitting the bid.

### START OF TERM

Monday 3rd January is a bank holiday; Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET day. Please return to school on **Wednesday 5th January**, 8.50am with correct uniform and resources.

### PUNCTUALITY

Next term we will be monitoring punctuality. Children should be in the playground for registration at 8:50. If the register has closed children must be signed in at the office by their parents. The reason for lateness will be recorded in the Late Book.

### HALF TERM

Half term is **21st to 25th February**. Please keep this in mind if you are planning holidays.

## SNOWY WEATHER

If it snows, and you are in any doubt as to whether to brave the weather to get your children to school, please don't take any unnecessary risks. If the school is closed, a text message will be sent to your mobile phone and you go to <http://www.hertsdirect.org/>

but whilst you are waiting for the call remember, '**if in doubt - don't go out**'.



## FTS FUND RAISING

We thank the Friends of the School (FTS) for organising events to raise money and subsidise events such as the Christmas Pantomime annual treat. Our recent Pamper Evening was a great success due to the brilliant team organising and running this event.

If you have ideas about what you think we should spend funds on, let us know.

The FTS needs more volunteers to suggest, organise and run events to raise funds from which **all** children benefit. If you would like to get involved, speak to your class representative.

New ideas are always welcome!

## Cinderella

Over 100 parents from Ponsbourne St Mary's went to watch their children perform 'Cinderella' in the Clarissa Farr Theatre on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at Queenswood School. They were treated to a wonderful evening.

Queenswood School said it was once again delighted to open up its theatre to Ponsbourne St. Mary's. It was exciting to see the children use the stage, lighting and sound facilities to highlight their own talents and strengths. Their performances were outstanding. Well done!



## Michaelmous Mouse

Thank you to Adventurers and Explorers for this year's Nativity Play performed in St. Mary's Church. The children's performances were absolutely fantastic, with lots of enthusiasm, excitement and great talent. Staff would like to thank all parents for their support both in attending the productions and with costumes, singing etc.

A special mention for Mrs Perry who coached the children in their singing and set the scene for the performance with a solo.

**Well done everyone!**

## Booster Classes.

Booster classes for Year 6 pupils will resume on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Maths will be the focus for the half term.

### Bonus Ball

This term's winner were:

Jane Clark

Mrs Stubbs

Jo Maytum

Paul Robinson

Louise Bartlett

Mrs Hastings Well done and if you haven't purchased your ball for next term contact your class representative.

### Children in Need

A fantastic £114.91 was raised for the Children in Need appeal. Many thanks to the school council for organising the collection.



### Shoes

We are becoming increasingly concerned with the appropriateness of shoes, in particular girls' shoes, which are being worn to school. Children complain of cold feet and we have had several accidents because there is no grip on the shoes. Children like to run around and use the climbing frame so school shoes should be sturdy; fashionable soft pumps are not suitable school shoes. Boys are welcome to wear BLACK trainers. Coloured trainers are NOT acceptable.



Please support us in ensuring your child's safety at playtimes and wearing correct uniform.

### LEGO WORKSHOP AFTER -SCHOOL CLUB

Next term we will be offering a Lego after-school club. The provider will be holding an assembly on the first day of term to tell the children all about the workshop.

Costs will be about £4 a session - more information to follow...

Place will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

### O2

The Discoverers performed at the O2 Concert on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Mrs Rocca was very proud of our children and said the evening was a magical one!

The children very much enjoyed the songs and the whole event.

Well done!

### Thank you

Thank you to Mrs Snow and Mrs Hatch for making the Christingles for the service last Sunday.

Thanks to our wonderful parents who help in many ways.

### KINGSWOOD

A meeting will be held for parents on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm to discuss arrangements for Kingswood. This will be an opportunity to hand in any outstanding forms and ask questions.

**FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010.** Payment not received by this date will result in loss of deposit and cancellation of place. If this date

causes you financial difficulties please speak with the school office.

**We wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas  
Thank You for all your support this term.**

**Happy New Year.**

