

News on the Nineteenth

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



A huge **Thank You** to all of our generous families for supporting the school at the Bazaar. Discoverers did a great job in running many of the activities - a big thank you to them. The children made some wonderful gifts in school and at the art clubs - thanks to the staff team. Hopefully, children were able to make a gift for each member of their family. Christmas fund raising took in excess of £800. Our fundraising has been boosted as Paula Darby has secured £4£ funding from Barclays Bank. Thank you Paula. A special thank you to Rachel and Jo for organising the Christmas card/gift project. These funds raised went directly into the FTS account.

Cinderella Rockafella



Many parents and grandparents from Ponsbourne St Mary's went to watch the KS2 children perform 'Cinderella Rockafella' in the Clarissa Farr Theatre on **Wednesday 12th December** at Queenswood School. They were treated to a wonderful evening.

Every child's performance was absolutely brilliant!
Queenswood School said it was delighted to open up its theatre to Ponsbourne St. Mary's.

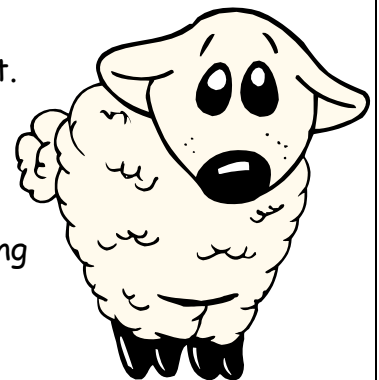
It is always an exciting experience for the children to perform on a real stage, with lighting and sound facilities to highlight their talents and strengths.

The performance was highly entertaining. **Well done to everyone involved!**

Hey Ewe!

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

Well done everyone!



START OF TERM

Monday 7th January is an INSET day; Tuesday 8th January is the start of term, Please arrive at 8.50 am with the correct uniform and resources.

HALF TERM

Half term is 18th to 22nd February. Please keep this in mind if you are planning holidays.

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. **Parents** are also responsible for collecting their children on time from school in the afternoon or making alternative arrangements.

UNIFORM

We will be paying close attention to uniform after the Christmas break. Many children are coming to school without the correct uniform especially footwear. Only **PLAIN BLACK TRAINERS** are acceptable.

HAIR

Children have been coming to school with fancy hairbands and slides. Hair should be tied back with a plain hairband. Some of the hair accessories that have been present recently are not suitable for school and are best kept for parties and weekends. Please ensure for health and safety reasons that your child's hair is tied back with simple hair accessories.

Head Lice

A few children have been complaining of itchy heads. The **ONLY** way to check for lice is with a nit comb. Please find time during the break to check your child's hair. Thank you.

SNOWY WEATHER

When returning to school next term, 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 or you can go to <http://www.hertsdirect.org> for information about school closures.



SWIMMING



Afternoons at Furzefield resume on **Monday 14th January**.

Year 3/4 will be swimming next term.

Children in Need

A fantastic £123.60 was raised for the Children in Need appeal. Many thanks to the school council for organising the collection.





Booster Class.

Calling all Y6 students!! Booster Class for Year 6 pupils will start on **Wednesday 16th January.**

Come to class for hot chocolate, toast and extra revision and help in areas you find tricky! Be prepared for Secondary School!

LOTS OF THANK YOUS

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents that help in school regularly, in many ways. Thank you for all the donations we received for the Christmas Fayre.

Thank you to Mrs McHattie for her help with art club.

Thank you to Mrs Darby, Mrs Clarke, and Ryan's nanny for making the Christingles.

Thank you to Mr Morris and Mr Barrett who have helped with various odd jobs around school.

We do appreciate you!

Bonus Ball

Bonus ball winners for this half of the term are as follows:

- Week 1: Kim Charles
- Week 2: Ali Grey
- Week 3: Linda Payne
- Week 4: Margaret Payne (Isabelle's grandmother)
- Week 5: Kim Colkett
- Week 6: Claire Wheeler

School Crossing Patrol

There is still a vacancy for a school crossing patrol person. Mrs Charles fought to get funding for this but we still can't find someone. Do you know of anyone?

Discoverers parents' homework!

The O2 concert is on the 15th January 2013. Please practice the songs during the Christmas break. We only have a week to practice on our return.

Damage to vehicle

Mrs Stubbs' car was damaged whilst parked in New Park Road last Friday 14th December. Her wing mirror was ripped from the car, picked up and left on her bonnet. If anyone has any information regarding this damage or knows who is responsible please contact the school office. Many thanks.

Christmas Gifts and wishes

The staff would like to thank you kindly for your good wishes and very generous gifts.

They are very much appreciated and we very much enjoy teaching your lovely children.

First Aiders

Congratulations to Vahista, Lauren, Charlie and Toby who participated on a first aid training course at Onslow St. Audrey's Academy, learning about the recovery position, CPR, bleeding and burns and fractures.

Karate

Congratulations to Max Tomlinson in gaining a green belt in Karate and Olivia in gaining an orange belt and Edward in gaining a red belt.

Well done!

Children can join Karate Club on a Wednesday after school in the village hall. The trainer collects the children from the hall.

Ask Michelle for more details.

**Wishing you all
a peaceful Christmas
and
a very happy
New Year**