

News on the Nineteenth

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FTS PAMPER NIGHT

The Pamper Night is taking place on **Thursday 22nd November 6pm - 10pm.**

Tickets are £5.00 for adults £2.50 for children under 12. FREE admission to the onsite creche and movie (crèche closes at 8pm when children need to be offsite).

The ticket price includes one complimentary glass of wine or soft drink and a free day pass to the Hertfordshire Country Club which can be used for the gym and/or the swimming pool and sauna (maybe some mums can plan a trip there together - just what's needed after the Christmas rush!)

Tickets are available from Newgate Street Village Post Office Tuesday and Thursday mornings, class reps and from Emma Wright 07718762770 or Viv Owen 07971577201

If you need to book treatments please ring Sarah Darabi on 07969912680

Please buy your tickets in advance to give the organisers an idea of numbers. It will be a lovely evening, so please come along - either earlier on with the children, or escape for an evening of shopping without them!

Help is needed with this event

Remember to invite family and friends for this fun fund raising evening.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas bazaar will be held on Wednesday 5th December in school. Children in KS1 will be able to purchase homemade gifts for family and friends (more details to follow). Y5/6 will be running some fun activity stalls such as tombola, lucky dip, guess the weight of the cake, make a gift etc. The doors will open for everyone to come in and buy or just have a cup of tea and a cake at **2.30pm**. Hot dogs will also be available. If you are unable to attend and want raffle tickets, please buy before the event. 20p a ticket or £1 a strip available from your class rep.

*If you have anything you wish to donate (toiletries, bottles, items for children's tombola, etc) please drop them into school, **THEY WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.***

We would like to run a cake stall and any donations would be gratefully received.

CHILDREN IN NEED



To support the Children In Need fund raising event, children and staff participated in 'Brightly Coloured Clothes Day'.

This has been organised by the school council. Children and staff donated a £1 to come to school in

pyjamas. We raised **£58.**

Thank you very much

END OF TERM SERVICE

Please join us for our end of term service in church on Thursday 20th December at 9:00. We will be singing carols and the children will give some readings. The children from Foundation stage will also be performing their nativity. Awards, trophies and certificates will also be presented.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



A service will be held in the church on Sunday 9th December. All children that attend will receive a gift of a Christingle. Children will be making the Christingles on Friday 7th December if any parents could come in and help from 9:00am.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Following the success of the last Bag 2 School Bags campaign we have repeated this Fundraiser. Many thanks to all of you who supported this campaign.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This is National Anti-bullying Week and each class has been thinking about and discussing what bullying is and strategies for dealing with bullying. They have listened to stories, been involved in role play and circle time activities.

The police are coming in to give a talk to our Discoverers children on Tuesday afternoon as part of our work during Anti-Bullying week

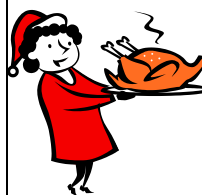
PSM's policy definition of bullying:

Bullying is the repeated action taken by one or more children with the deliberate intention of hurting another child, either physically or emotionally.

Bad Weather Procedures

The system that worked so well last year will be used again should we experience bad weather. Please go to <http://www.hertsdirect.org/> where you will find a link to information about the situation at Ponsbourne. As always safety comes first and our village can be treacherous during bad weather. The best way to contact the school is via email: admin@ponsbourne.herts.sch.uk We will try and respond as quickly as we can.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



We will be having our Christmas dinner on Wednesday 19th December. We want this to be an occasion that the whole school can enjoy together, including Nursery children who usually go home at 12 o'clock. Please collect them at 1pm on this day. **There will be no packed lunch option on this day.**

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Suzie Perry

CINDERELLA

Our trip to the pantomime this year will be to see 'Cinderella' at the Wylyyots Theatre in Potters Bar on Monday 17th December 2012. We will be attending the 10.30am performance and will be back at school by about 1.30pm. Please collect your children at normal time. The cost of this trip is £10 per child. Please send your payment to the school office in a clearly marked envelope or pay via Wisepay by Monday 3rd December 2012. Numbers are to be given to the theatre after this date and we will not be able to add on.



All children will need a packed lunch on this day. In addition to their lunch a snack such as fruit, bun or biscuit should be provided for break, and children will receive an ice cream. No fizzy drinks please.

The FTS have paid for the cost of the coaches for this event.

HEADLICE

Reports of headlice keep reoccurring in all of the classes which suggests that not all parents are checking their children's hair regularly with a nit comb.

We have witnessed a few children scratching their heads.

We can only eradicate this *annoying little beast* if **everyone** is vigilant!

Please check your children's hair this weekend.



PARENT GOVERNORS



Your parent governors are:

Rachel McHattie, Suzanne Perry, Viv Owen,
Peter Brittain.

You can contact them via email at
parentgovernors@yahoogroups.com.

Samaritans Purse Appeal

A very BIG THANK YOU to all the families who brought in shoeboxes with Christmas gifts for children in Eastern Europe. These children will receive no other gifts this year since they may be orphans and/or live in extreme poverty.

We collected 40 boxes (20 less than last year).

Rev. Pauline would like us to pass on her thanks for your kind response. You have made a real difference too many children.

KS2 PRODUCTION

We are very pleased to announce that this year's production will be held once again at Queenswood School on **Wednesday 12th December**. We ask for children to be dropped at **Queenswood School by 9.15am** to allow them to rehearse all day. Children need to be collected from Queenswood by 3pm and returned for the evening production at **6pm**. A packed lunch and drink needs to be provided. Please provide your child with a mid-morning snack.

Parent helpers are needed to serve wine and nibbles in the evening please.

KS1 NATIVITY

The KS1 Nativity - Hey Ewe - will be performed on Thursday 13th December 2012 at 6.00pm in the church.



There will be a dress rehearsal at 11am on the same day for grandparents and pre-school siblings.

APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE

Parents can apply online from 12th November 2012 and the online system closes on 15th January 2013. Siblings must still apply for a school place. Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application on 17th April 2013.

Should anyone need any help, please call into the school office.

BONUS BALL

Thank you for contributing towards the Bonus Ball, the lucky winners so far are:

Week 3 = Kim & Terry Charles

Week 4 = Jo Ayriss

Week 5 = Freddie Turner (my mum/Sam's grannie!)

Week 6 = Katrina Celimon

Week 7 = Sarah Darabi (again! twice in one term!)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Following the continued success of the Christmas Tree Festival, the church is organising a similar event this year. The opening ceremony takes place on 30th **November** and finishes on December 3rd. The school will be holding a service to open the festival on **Friday at 2.30pm** in the church; parents and friends are all invited.

Why not design a family tree and help raise some funds for the church? Entry forms are available from Gill Sutcliffe. Otherwise go along to the festival to see the trees and support our church.

Mrs Sutcliffe's driveway



Gill has asked us to remind you that the driveway in which parents wait is her only access. If she needs to reverse out from her drive at the beginning or end of the school day, your children are **not** safe running around in the drive.

Parents are advised to wait outside Discoverers' gate or in the playground.

lights, camera, action!



The school travel team working in partnership with the Healthy Schools team will shortly be launching the Herts School Film Challenge for 2013. The theme this year is Healthy School Travel. They are looking for groups or individuals to make a short film around the theme of Healthy Travel in all it's aspects; physical, mental, emotional, social and environmental.

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the talents of the children. All shortlisted entries will be shown on a full size cinema screen at the Annual School Travel Awards which will be held on 21st March 2013.

Further information to follow

Ponsbourne St. Mary's Church Christmas Services.

Reverend Pauline welcomes you to attend the following Christmas celebrations.
The carol service on the 16th December at 6:30.
Midnight Service on December 24th at 11.15pm.
Christmas Day Service at 9.30am.
Families are warmly invited to attend.



Parent Consultation Evening

It was great that so many parents were able to come to Parent Consultation Evening on Wednesday 7th November. We hope it was a helpful and useful evening for parents to find out more about their child's progress and attainment and how you can support your children in partnership with the school to achieve their best.

Question:

Are Parent Consultation Evenings helpful?
How could they be improved?
Please send replies by email, in writing or make an appointment to see Mrs Gaiteri if you have any ideas.

BOOSTER CLUB for Y6

Booster club will run on Thursday evening commencing on Thursday ??????????
until 4:25.

I hope all Y6 pupils will be able to attend - refreshments will be provided.