

From the Headteacher:

'A Present for the Baby' and 'Peace Child' My congratulations to all children who participated in the school Christmas productions. A lot of hard work went into making each performance memorable. My thanks to everyone who put in time and effort to learn lines and songs and provide costumes and props. **£484.35** was collected for our charity for this year.

Church Service: I completely misled you last week in the newsletter by saying the service will be on Monday morning. It is in fact on **TUESDAY** morning at 9.30. Parents are welcome to join us at a service which will be led by the children of Year Five and Reception class. Rev. Martin will address the pupils during this service.

Christmas Parties will also be held on Tuesday in the afternoon. Children should attend school in uniform but might like to bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. Drinks will be provided.

Christmas Lunch will be served on Tuesday by a special team of waiters and waitresses.

Coats: Please make sure your child has a coat to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes. All children play outside at some point during the day and a coat is needed.

Term ends for our pupils on Wednesday at the close of school.

Roger Whitewick

International Theme: Next term to tie in with our Jamaican Storyteller we are having Jamaica as our International theme. Details of the meal will follow.

Tess Kaunhoven

Christmas Magazine: Do you like Puzzles, Dot to dot, Jokes, Poems? Then now is the time to get your purse out because the School Council have made a Christmas magazine. This will be on sale everyday next week for an astonishingly low price of **£1.50**. All profits to go to our charity for this year **CLIC**.

School Councillors

From the Friends of St. Aldhelm's: We have had a really good December for fundraising which is especially good as we know that the cash gets a little thin around this time of year! Our Christmas disco made a wonderful £228.20 profit. We think everyone had a superb time and the glow bracelets went down a treat as usual. The same can't be said for Mr Whitewick's dancing..."don't give up your day job sir!"

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success and we hope you all enjoyed it. We managed to raise £806.73 at the Fayre and the raffle raised a whopping **£310.00** making a total of £1,116.73. There are a few deductions to be made, but overall this is a bumper Christmas. A big, big thank you to everyone who donated something and a special thank you to those of you who helped set up, helped on the stalls and cleared up afterwards. Thank you also to the whole of Year 6 who proved themselves to be a very mature and helpful bunch. Finally, we would like to thank Mr Graham who cut out the snowman shapes for the grotto – we think you'll agree that they looked fantastic and the grotto was very well received by the children. Look out for the picture in the Journal! We do have a slight problem with storage of the snowmen as they cannot be kept in the school and if anyone is willing to give them a home for 12 months, we would very much appreciate it if you could let the school office know.

A total of 271 sweetie jars were collected for the fayre a fantastic amount; the winning class was Year 2 with a total of 90 collected.

Have a truly wonderful Christmas and don't forget we have Bag2School visiting us on 25 January, so don't throw out any old clothes, bedding, shoes, belts etc.

PTA CALENDAR

We have the following events coming up in the future which are as follows:-

- * Christmas meal for the children: Tuesday 19th December.
- * Bag2School: Thursday 25th January 9am (any unwanted clothes, shoes).
- * PTA New Year Meal: Friday 26th January at the Poachers Pocket. All welcome. (Time to be confirmed).
- * Seedy Saturday: Saturday 3rd February 2007.
- * school disco on Friday 9th February 2007.
- * Spring plant fair: Sunday 25th March 2007.
- * Bag2School: Friday 6th July 2007 at 9am.
- * Friday markets on January 19th (Year 6 and reception)
March 16th (Year 1)
May 11th (Year 2)
July 6th (Year 3)

Carol Singing: There will be Carol singing on ***Wednesday 20th December*** (around Chelynch) and ***Friday 22nd December*** (around Doultling). Please meet at the corner of Chelynch Park on both evenings. All proceeds will be donated to 'Save the Children Fund'. We really do need as many voices as possible, so please come and join us. Wrap up warm!! For more information please contact Joy Lees **Tel: 880 260.**

DOULTING CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Sunday 17th December ***CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 6pm*** (Traditional service of Lessons and Carols)

Christmas Eve 24th December ***CRIB AND CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – 4pm***

If anyone wishes to make a Christingle there will be someone at the church from 3pm onwards. Materials will be provided. Come along and start your 'Christmas Celebrations' in this wonderful way. **There is also a Midnight Communion – 11pm.**

Christmas Day ***FAMILY SERVICE – 11am.***