

# NEWSLETTER

## POLLINGTON-BALNE CE PRIMARY

AUTUMN/ DECEMBER 2011

### Merry Christmas

As this is the last Newsletter of this term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We hope you have a peaceful festive season, and enjoy spending time with your children and family!



### New School Opening

I am very pleased that parents are finding the new morning arrangements easier, more convenient, and safer, in terms of the parking and congestion. Can I please remind parents that children are still required to be in school for 9:00 am when the bell will still ring. Any children arriving after this time, will still be required to enter school through the front door, and will receive a 'late' mark. Please note that your child being late does affect their overall attendance figures. Our attendance has been recognised by Ofsted as 'outstanding', therefore we would appreciate your support in maintaining this excellent standard!

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the school photos. We are currently in the process of arranging refunds for those who have requested them. Tempest will be accepting late orders (for delivery in January), but can only accept bank details (filled in on the order envelope) or cheque for these orders. If you are still interested in making a Tempest order, please could you return your envelope to school, no later than Wednesday 14th December. Thank you.

### SAFEGUARDING

Please can I remind parents that parents should not park in the staff car park, as this poses a danger to your children when they have to walk through the car park into school.

Some parents have been parking in the 'disabled' parking bays. Can I request your consideration in leaving these free for our disabled visitors.

Please note that, even though the back door is open for children from 8:50 **PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ENTER SCHOOL THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR**, where Mrs Holgate will be able to attend to you. Appointments with teachers should be made for after school where ever possible.

Some children have been wearing decorative earrings. Even those which do not 'dangle' are quite unsafe, therefore we request that children wear only studs.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

**PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FESTIVE FUN! THE FAYRE WILL BEGIN AT 2:30, ENDING AT 4:30, AND THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF GOODIES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE, AND FUN ACTIVITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN!**

**CHILDREN WILL BE ATTENDING THE FAYRE UNTIL 3:30, SO PLEASE PROVIDE THEM WITH SOME POCKET MONEY ON THE DAY! HOMETIME ARRANGEMENTS WILL THEN BE AS NORMAL, UNLESS PARENTS ARE STAYING ON AT THE FAYRE, IN WHICH CASE, CHILDREN CAN STAY WITH THEM.**

**NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY AT THE FAYRE AFTER 3:30, UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS		
CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
Tuesday 13th December 9:30 Nativity		
Tuesday 13th December HSA Disco	Tuesday 13th December HSA Disco	Tuesday 13th December HSA Disco
Wednesday 14th December 2:00 Nativity		
Wednesday 14th December 2:30 Christmas Craft Fayre All Family Members Welcome	Wednesday 14th December 2:30 Christmas Craft Fayre All Family Members Welcome	Wednesday 14th December 2:30 Christmas Craft Fayre All Family Members Welcome
Thursday 15th December Victorian Christmas Children to come to school in pyjamas	Thursday 15th December Victorian Christmas Children to come to school in pyjamas	Thursday 15th December Victorian Christmas Children to come to school in pyjamas
Tuesday 20th December 2:15 Mulled wine and mince pies in school hall 2:45 Carol Service in Church	Tuesday 20th December 2:15 Mulled wine and mince pies in school hall 2:45 Carol Service in Church	Tuesday 20th December 2:15 Mulled wine and mince pies in school hall 2:45 Carol Service in Church
Tuesday 20th December School Christmas dinner	Tuesday 20th December School Christmas dinner	Tuesday 20th December School Christmas dinner
Thursday 5th January Children back to school Pantomime Trip	Thursday 5th January Children back to school Pantomime Trip	Thursday 5th January Children back to school Pantomime Trip

## Prayer of the Week

by Class 2

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Dear God

We are thankful for our friends and family. We are thankful when we can play together peacefully. When we have problems, help us to sort them out and make up. We pray for peace in our homes, in the playground, in school, in the park, in the village and everywhere in the country and throughout the world. We pray for peace, we pray to you for peace in our hearts!

Amen

### Farewell Mrs Farrow

It is with much sadness that we say 'farewell' to Mrs Farrow at the end of this term, as she leaves Pollington to take up a new post. Mrs Farrow has supported Jessica for the past few years, and has been a valued member of the Pollington staff! I'm sure she and Jessica will miss each other dearly! We wish Mrs Farrow all the very best for her future.

### Christmas Parties

On Monday 19th December, each class will be holding their own Christmas party. They will be allowed to change into party clothes in the afternoon, and will play traditional party games. We would like to request that each child bring in one item of party food to share with the class. This can be brought in straight away and kept for the 19th, or brought on the day. Thank you.

## SCHOOL RESULTS

Teachers are currently in the process of finalising termly assessments of the children. They will report to you, your child's levels for reading, writing and maths, and provide specific targets for improvement. Once the school's results have been analysed, the school's progress in these areas will be shared with you, in the first Newsletter of next term.

### Daffodils for Lydia

I would like to thank our families for the tremendous generosity you have shown in supporting the Maria Curie charity, and returning your 'daffodil' envelopes. We have managed to raise a whopping £319! We will be inviting Marie Curie into school in the New Year, so that Lydia can hand the cheque over to them! Thank you!