

12 December 2014

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### **The Christmas Story**

All our children from Nursery to Year 2 took part in performances of 'The Christmas Story' earlier this week. They sang, acted and danced their hearts out! Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to costumes and helped children learn their lines / words to the songs. Many thanks go to all the staff who helped the children produce such a quality performance, and especially to Lizanne Bothma, Katie Clapton and Emily da Silva for their input and direction.

### **Retirement good wishes**

Sally Warnes, Teaching Assistant, is retiring next Friday after 17 years working here. She has contributed a huge amount to our school over the years and we want to thank her very much for all she has done for our children.

Maggie Dawson will also be retiring from her duties as a Teaching Assistant at the end of term. We are very glad that she will continue to work at school as a lunchtime playleader.

### **Rev Bridget Shepherd**

The new Vicar at The Good Shepherd Church, Handen Road, came to visit us on Thursday morning to talk about what Christmas really means for Christians – that it's about the 'giving' rather than the 'receiving' – in our assemblies. We look forward to working more closely with her, as well as with other local spiritual leaders, in the near future.

### **Christmas Lunch**

We have had 2 days of Christmas Lunch celebrations : Thursday for Rec – Y3, and Friday for Y4 – Y6.

Both occasions were very successful with staff eating alongside the children and festive music entertaining everyone throughout.

### **Next week at Brindishe Manor**

Our children in Ys 3 – 6 have been working very hard to prepare for their performance of 'Winter around the World' on Monday and Tuesday. They are looking forward to sharing the results of their hard work with you next week.

### **UNICEF**

In addition to collecting for UNICEF after our seasonal performances, we are inviting children to come to school on our last day of term - Friday 19 - in festive, Christmas or fancy dress and to make a donation of 50p or £1.00.

### **Have you applied for your Reception place yet?**

You will need to apply before January 15th 2015 online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

If you do not have a computer at home, but wish to make your application online, visit your local public library in Lewisham, where you can use one of the computers free of charge.

### **Lost Property**

Next Wednesday and Thursday we will put out our boxes of lost property both before and after school. Please have a good look through and claim your children's lost clothing. Any remaining clothing will be donated to charity.

### **Dates for your diary**

**15 + 16 December** KS2 'Winter around the World'

**19 December** End of term

**5 January** Inset Day for all staff

**6 January** Children return to school

**\*\*26 January** Young Voices at the O2 \*\*

**and finally...**

**Winter Fair TODAY 3.15 – 5.15pm**

Don't forget to come along straight after school and enjoy lots of games, crafts and festive food and drink...

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

**PSFA NEWS**

It's here! The Winter Fair is happening in school now - come and enjoy the games, activities, stalls and refreshments. Don't forget to go to Santa's grotto straight away to book your slot (children will be booked in groups of 4-6). We hope you have lots of fun at the fair!

Last call for orders for the NATIVITY PLAY DVD. It's a lovely keepsake and makes a great Christmas present too! Orders must be with the school office by MONDAY 15th in order to receive your copy by 19th December \*\*.

**How to order:**

Complete the form and return to the school office by Monday, **15 December\***. Please include the correct payment either in cash, or cheque. Correct change only please.

**Cheques should be made payable to Brindishe Manor PSFA.**

Collect your copy from your child's class or school office from Wednesday 17 December onwards.

*\*Please note, we cannot guarantee that orders received after this date can be completed before the end of term.*

*\*\*We are normally able to complete orders by end of term, but as a small volunteer organisation sometimes there are delays or 'hiccups' in production. Please provide a contact number and email so we can contact you in case of issues.*