

9th December 2014

St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School Holly Road L7 OLH

Dear Parents,

Just a very quick note to you all with a few notices with a further newsletter going out later this week.

PTA Activities : Please remember that the Meetings are the FIRST THURSDAY of each month and are at 6pm in the Staff Room. It would be nice to see more parents coming along. What For? To help the NEW COMMITTEE with new ideas and to say how they can help for example at children's parties or with refreshments or tuck shop at the Panto (tomorrow night). These are the everyday jobs that need to be done. Unfortunately too often recently parents think that staff of the school should do this, whereas I hope that parents would feel they can help. Am I wrong in thinking we should all give a little bit? PLEASE SUPPORT your PTA and School, they are after all one and the same. I am grateful to parents who turn up from The Field of Dreams to Year 6 BUT still with over 500 parents to only have 5 is disheartening.

Christmas Fayre : Many thanks for all your generosity in donations and those who volunteered to help either before, during or after, it was a great help. The report of the Fayre was given in and discussed last Thursday and all agreed it was a great success. It realised with stock in hand just over £1500, the accounts will be displayed on the boards. The atmosphere was great as was Father Christmas.

Breakfast with Santa : Again with all the effort that people put into "TRYING THEIR BEST" for your child, I am disappointed that parents, many of whom can I say never offer a minute of their time, were criticising and yes shouting at staff. This is totally unacceptable. Thankfully this is just a few and I just admire the staff who don't let this make them "give up" giving to all the children. By the way what a fantastic atmosphere and thanks to the parents and Father Christmas (who knows the Chair of the PTA well) for making a magical time for the children.

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF GIVING and the staff have always been very grateful for the gifts and presents given.

THIS YEAR : THEY HAVE ASKED FOR NO presents instead they would ask if you would like to donate "one" present from your family (that would be one toy for a child) that will go to a children's charity that we have identified to HELP.

I would say if asked that they would appreciate a simple (not expensive) Christmas card with a personal message or even a **HOMEMADE CARD**. Please respect our request and don't be offended if we don't accept any personal gifts, presents etc.

DIARY OF EVENTS:

There are lots of festivities and events, during Advent, leading up to Christmas. These include : the Children's Christmas Lunch (Friday 12th December), Christmas parties, assemblies, Choir performances etc. However please note the following dates should you wish to come and enjoy your children's performances.

Wednesday 10th December : 6.00pm Panto night 2. (tickets only)

Tuesday 16th December : 10.30am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity in School Hall

2.00pm Foundation 2 Christmas Nativity in School Hall.

Wednesday 17th December : 10.30am F1 Nativity in FOD

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Friday 19th December : 10.30am Year 3 and 4 Christmas Nativity

A further newsletter will follow.

Dennis Hardiman

Executive Headteacher

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Child's Name Parent's Name.....

Child's Class.....

I can help with refreshments/tuck shop at the Panto

