

# MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents and Friends

Well done to all the members of FOMS (Friends of Mill Rythe Infant School) for a really successful Christmas Shopping Evening last Wednesday. Not only was it a very successful evening in terms of the sum of money raised but it was a wonderful community event bringing many local traders and craftsmen and of course consumers into our school environment. The atmosphere was super and every effort had been made to present a high quality craft fair. Committee members were still sweeping up at 10.15pm but I know that they felt a huge sense of achievement. This was our third such event and I think should become a permanent part of our provision. It was also really good to see so many of our 'old' parents supporting us whose children have now moved on to the Junior School and beyond.

### Children in Need

Thanks for all your efforts - we raised £167.21!

As you can see, last week was quite hectic and our administration staff was also put to the test. The government are expecting every school in the country to operate to new financial management standards and a rolling programme of assessment has begun. There is a set of criteria showing the characteristics you would expect to find in a school that is well managed financially. An assessor visited us last Friday and I am delighted to say that we passed with flying colours. He commented that he wished all schools were like ours! This is of course a super reflection not only on Helen Martin our Finance Officer but also our Governors and the Clerk. I would like to thank the governors for their hard work in attending many more meetings than normal in order to ensure that all was in good order.

Following the sad death of Pat Duckworth we have received some donations from his family and friends - Juliette nominated both our school and Mill Rythe Junior School as beneficiaries. We will be writing to the family to thank them and to say that we will be purchasing books in memory of Pat.

### Reminder: Admissions - September 2009

Please don't forget that, if you have children or have friends with children who are due to start school next September, applications for admission must be made by midday **THIS FRIDAY, 21 November 2008**. The same

deadline applies to the return of forms for children moving up to Junior School.

Next Monday, **24 November**, we welcome back "M&M Productions" who this year are presenting 'Robin Hood'. This pantomime is our treat for the children and marks the start of our Christmas celebrations.

### Year R Christmas Production - 9/10/11 Dec 2008

This year the Year R Christmas production is entitled "SANTA'S MAGIC WORKSHOP" and we would like to invite Year R parents to complete the booking form below indicating how many tickets you require (maximum 2 per child) and for which performances. There will be three performances, and younger siblings are welcome at the Thursday afternoon performance **ONLY**.

### Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 16 December 2008

Please note that for the last week of term, the *roast* (special Christmas lunch) will be on the *TUESDAY*, and *pizza* will be served on the *WEDNESDAY*. Please let Jayne in the office know if you have already paid for every Tuesday and would like to change it to the Wednesday for that week, or if you would like to use that money to pay for the Christmas lunch. It is dangerous for us to assume so please let us know! **PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER at the latest**. If you do not pre-order this lunch, please ensure your child brings a packed lunch on this day.

### Carol Service

The Carol Service on **Thursday 18 December** is to be held once again at St Patrick's Church with Father Andrew officiating from 1.45pm. We have also been asked to take part in the Carols on the Plaza (by Eastoke Corner) on **Sunday 14 December** from 4.00 - 5.30pm.

### School Meals

PLEASE check with your child that they like what's on the menu when sending them in for school dinners. It is too late when they are at the counter. Our cook is in a difficult position because there is nothing else she can give them if they do not like what's on offer.

### Football Club Mondays and Games Club Wednesdays

Mrs Backler has space at both after school clubs. Please enquire at the office if you are interested.

### Lunchtime Supervisors

Is there anybody out there who would be willing to stand in when one of our Lunchtime Supervisors is off sick on a casual basis? Please see me if you might be interested.

### Year R Christmas Production 2008 - "Santa's Magic Workshop"

I would like to book tickets as follows (please enter number of tickets in box) - maximum 2 per child

Tuesday 9 December at 2pm	Wednesday 10 December at 9.15am	Thursday 11 December at 2pm (Younger brothers and sisters are welcome at this performance only)

Child's Name:

Class: