



# NEWSLETTER



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## OFFICE HOURS

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## Inclusion Quality Mark

Last week our school was assessed for the Inclusion Quality Mark. This was a rigorous process and we are delighted to say the assessor, Mrs. Jean Howard, is recommending us for this prestigious award. My thanks to Mrs Robinson and all the staff for their contribution, to you parents for your continued support but most especially to our children who ensure that all visitors recognize Our Lady of Lourdes as a place where we 'live, love and learn together.'

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45 a.m Year 2 Christmas play
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45 a.m Year 1 Christmas play
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10.45 a.m Nursery morning group performing in the nursery
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45 a.m Reception Christmas play 2.15 p.m Nursery afternoon group performing in the nursery

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performances will take place in the school hall.**

## **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Years 3,4,5 and 6 will perform together two Carol services (the content will be the same). The morning performance will be at 9.20 a.m and will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The afternoon performance will commence at 1.45 p.m. This performance will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Parents of children in Year 3 and 5 are invited to attend the morning performance and the parents of children in Year 4 and 6 are invited to attend in the afternoon. The concerts are repeated to accommodate numbers, wishing to attend.

**INSET DAY**- School will close for the Christmas holidays at 1.30 p.m on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Reception - Year 6 will return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2009. Nursery will commence on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2009. 1T, 2D and 2J will commence on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.

### **Fundraising**

In these difficult financial times for so many, calls on parents to support causes can seem never ending. This term we have tried to encourage our children to give a little of themselves, by raising money for CAFOD. I'm delighted to see so many of our children organising and delivering small fund raising ideas for the greater good. This Christmas we hope to send a large sum to CAFOD to support their work overseas by buying some goats/cows or if we raise enough, something towards a village well. This is our way of supporting communities in other parts of the world. Thank you for your support and for the children's efforts.

### **Christmas Cards**

Whilst writing enormous amounts of Christmas cards can be fun, it causes us a logistical nightmare and costs the planet. This year we are returning to the 'Badge for Christmas' idea. Children can make a Christmas badge for £1 donation, all funds raised will go to a chosen charity.

**PLEASE NOTE FOOTBALL TRAINING IS CANCELLED ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER FOR YEAR 6.**

### **Charity Night**

A charity night has been organised at school for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009. A band and disco will provide the entertainment for what will be a night to remember! Tickets cost £10 with money raised being shared between Our Lady's twinned school in Kenya and equipment to aid listening, language and literacy in school. If you are interested please contact Paula Chapman on 550683.

### **H.S.A. News**

Thanks to everyone for the mufti donations today. **Don't forget that mufti is Thursday next week** with bottles for the Juniors and an unwanted gift/toy or £1 for Nursery and Infants. Thanks to everyone for the requests for Supper with Santa tickets. The tickets have been sent out today.

Remember to keep next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December between 12 and 3pm free so that you can come along to the Christmas Fair. We are working hard to make it better than ever with plenty to do, win, watch and eat. Please come along and support us in raising money for the school.

Many thanks

Trish Farnell (569684)

**PLEASE SEND IN ANY CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND TOYS THIS WEEK FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. PLEASE PUT THEM IN A BAG MARKED H.S.A**

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b>	<b>ST. JOSEPH'S</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>