

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL:

COMMUNICATION FOR PARENTS – PARENTMAIL

I informed you last week of a new initiative that we are taking forward to improve communication with parents. In order to set up the database properly we need all parents to complete the Parentmail Data Capture form please. We would like to have this new system ready to use at the start of the Spring Term and we would ask for your help in supplying the information on the Data Capture form and letting the school have this by return. Unfortunately, the response has been low so far and we are still waiting for the vast majority of parents to respond with their information. The school is now committed to this new system and wants it to work as it will be beneficial to everyone concerned. If parents do not return the information it will not be possible to include you on the database and you therefore risk not receiving information from Class Teachers or the School. **Please complete the form and send to school either by email or hand into reception as soon as possible.** Blank forms are available on reception if you prefer to call in and complete. Your co-operation in this would be much appreciated. Thank you to all those parents that have already returned the form.
Carol Langley, Bursar

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul - and sings the tunes without the words - and never stops at all.

Emily Dickinson

What's Coming Up:

PTFA NEWS:

ADVENT FAIR APOLOGIES:-

Our sincerest apologies to those that were not mentioned in last week's newsletter. And of course warm appreciative thanks to the wonderful Kindergarten parents for their diligent craft work all year round and the beautiful stall of knitted, felted creations, as well as a calming Quiet space for younger visitors to the fair. Thanks to Jenny & Paul Radford who so beautifully decorated the snow-filled Santa's Grotto and to our 2 rotund jolly men themselves, who offered an experience of wonder for many children throughout the day. And last but by no means least a big thank you to the lovely Class 13 who manned a well-attended candle dipping experience in the pottery. And for anybody else not mentioned specifically by name – and you know who you are – THANK YOU for helping to make this year's fair the best ever!!!
Anton Dell & The Advent Fair Working Group
(Lewis, Malcolm, Danya, Carolyn, Will & Priya)

ADVENT FAIR RECEIPTS

If anybody has any outstanding receipts for Advent Fair expenses, they must be given to Pat in the school office by 12th January 2010, since we will be reconciling and closing the Advent Fair account on this date. Any remaining receipts after this time may not be able to be reimbursed. Many thanks. Pat Rosen, Accounts.

TALKS/EVENTS:

HOLY NIGHT MEETINGS 29th Dec @ 3pm

The Anthroposophical group warmly invite adults in the school community to join us for quiet reflection during the Holy Nights. 29th December at 3pm for poems around the Christmas tree. Sharing short seasonal poems and music – please let Nick Vane know if you would like to contribute to the programme.

Friday 11 th Dec	8.00pm Carol Concert
Wednesday 16 th Dec	7.30pm Oberufer Christmas Plays
Thursday 17 th Dec	8.30am Kindergarten End of Term Festival
Friday 18 th Dec	End of Term SCHOOL CLOSSES at 12 noon!

Community Notices and Adverts

- **Mathematics Tuition for GCSE or A-level** is available. Contact an experienced tutor: Tomoko Mori on 01442 260601, or e-mail tomokosyoga@hotmail.com.
- **Copenhagen Climate Change Conference**
You can make a difference! My company has designed a new website for The Climate Change Task Force that I'd love to share with you: www.ClimateChangeTaskForce.org
Mikhail Gorbachev has assembled some of the world's top climate change experts, Nobel Peace Laureates, and shapers of policy and opinion to create a Task Force. They each have a blog and there is also a campaign letter-writing vehicle you can use. Check it out and please pass on this website to others. Thank you. David Wachs
- **Channukah & Christmas are here**, and my documentary feature film, "Holes In My Shoes," may just be the perfect holiday cheer your friends and family need this year. It's now available to purchase on the Internet. Go to www.holesinmyshoes.com You can watch the trailers there, too. If you feel happy to, I'd be grateful if you could let your friends here and in the good ol' USA know about it. Thanks so much. David Wachs – david.wachs@lrgmedia.net
- **R.Steiner House, NW1:** Poetry & Music made visible through Movement, presentation by students of the London Coll. of Eurythmy at 7.30pm on Friday, December 18. Friends of R.Steiner House present Christmas Plays from Oberufer
- **RSSKL Food Co-op** Our last Infinity Food order before Christmas should be made by 14.12.09. The orders will arrive 17.12. Catalogues in school reception or online. Email HAIM at zo_hay@hotmail.com.
- **GARAGE SALE** We have moved from a larger to smaller house and therefore have an excess of furniture, duvets, pillows; children's clothes & shoes; vases, kitchen storage jars; toys etc etc. If you would like to come and rummage we will be opening our garage on the following two mornings. FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER 8.45AM - 10.30am or SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER 10.30AM - 12noon THE COACH HOUSE, LOVE LANE, KINGS LANGLEY WD4 9HL Cheers Danya
- **WANTED** - My name is Martin Ingleby, I am a former pupil of the school now working as a plumbing and heating engineer. I am looking for a one bedroom flat/maisonette/studio flat to rent with my fiancée from January in Kings Langley, Apsley or Abbots Langley area, under £500 pcm. We are both in our mid-20s and responsible and professional, and will ensure the property is kept in excellent condition. Please contact me on 07855 958580 or email inglebystylie@yahoo.co.uk.
- **Piano to give away**, call Donata 01923 266996.
- **Christmas Concert Wed 23 Dec 7.45pm**
Harpenden Public hall with carols, mince pies & mulled wine. Tickets available from Nicky Teensma (Tobias Class or 01923 263106) £12 or £10 for concessions, £4 for children.
- **Fridge Freezer De-Dietrick**, 7 years old £50 Needs to be collected from St Albans. Kirsten 07747 686265. Thanks.

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