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Walking into the Christmas Market, through a sparkling Winter Wonderland was magical. There was so much to see and do that when the time came for it to all end, people did not want to go home! Huge thanks must go to the PTA and parent helpers who have raised approximately £1,500 towards necessary playground equipment. It is however not only what happens on the evening that makes for a successful venture but the hard work that goes into organising a fund raising event. Once all expenses have been accounted for, the PTA will announce the final total and which class stall raised the most money. This class will be given a DVD of their choice to enjoy before the end of term. Thank you so much for raising such a fantastic total and making the evening a successful community event.

This week I have been a privileged onlooker at the auditions for 'St. Lawrence Has Talent'. Children have really learnt their words and made sure that dance moves are slick and synchronized. The competition has been even better than last year and the school is in for a treat on Christmas dinner day when the School Council will present the final. I can't wait!!

Thank you to all new parents who have returned questionnaires to help the Governors assess the strengths of the school. Initial impressions are excellent and I have enjoyed reading the positive comments that have been written. A full review of the information will be sent to all parents in the new year.

As the term comes to an end I would like to acknowledge the tremendous hard work of all staff and Governors, in ensuring that your children can enjoy lessons in light, bright classrooms with excellent resources. Teachers never seem to stop working. On your behalf I would like to say thank you for all that they do, both in and out of school, ensuring that all children have the opportunity to succeed.

Don't forget to join us on the last day of term at 10am in St. Lawrence Church for the Carol Service. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Mrs C. Reynolds **Headteacher**

ARE WE NEARLY THERE YET...?

The children have been rehearsing hard for this year's Christmas Play and we are very much looking forward to parents and friends joining us for one of the 3 performances next week. All tickets will be sent home this Thursday (10th December). There is no charge for tickets but a retiring collection will be taken at the end of each performance.

On the Wednesday evening (16th December) all children will need to be back in school by 6pm. They are to go directly to their classrooms where they will be supervised getting changed into their costumes. Parents will be able to take their seats in the Hall from 6pm and the performance will start promptly at 6.30pm. Thanks must go to the PTA, who will be serving hot drinks prior to the performance. The upper playground will be open for parking - please ensure that children are escorted to their classroom door. All children will need to be collected after the performance from their class teacher.

Due to current E-Safety regulations and guidance from Surrey County Council, there is once again to be no private filming or recording of any of the performances, this includes group photos. This conforms to data protection guidelines which all schools must follow. The PTA have organised for one performance to be professionally filmed and there will be an opportunity to purchase a DVD should you wish to.

SNOW QUEEN PANTOMIME

Golden Egg Productions will once again be bringing the Pantomime into school on Friday 11th December. The Production Company are touring the UK with The Snow Queen, which is a specially written festive show packed with comedy, music and lots of audience participation. The performance will last about an hour and a quarter and will cost £3 per child. Thank you to all those parents who have already sent in the donation. Please can all remaining monies be handed into class teachers by **Wednesday 9th December** in a named envelope. We look forward to an exciting and entertaining morning!

RESIDENTIAL VISIT - YEARS 5 & 6

Please remember that the second instalment of £80 for the CYE Residential is due by Friday 18th December. Thank you to all those parents who have already paid. The final meeting for all parents and children will be held on the evening of Thursday 11th February 2010.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Over two thirds of the school are currently having a cooked meal every day. It has been highlighted that we have one of the highest percentage uptake for hot dinners within Surrey - this is fantastic! Please consider the opportunity of switching from packed lunches at the start of next term. The school office needs to have notice of any change to meal choice by Friday 11th December.

Lunch money for children having school meals from January will be:

£53.20 from 6th January - 12th February

£53.20 from 22nd February - 31st March

£106.40 in total

Weekly payments of **£9.50** should be made on Monday mornings by cash, cheque (payable to Surrey County Council) or online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/schoolmeals

HEALTHY LUNCHES

For those children wishing to have a packed lunch each day, please can we remind you once again, that no sweets and confectionary should be included in the lunch box. As a school community, we are working towards the Healthy Schools status and lunchtime is an important part of this award.

PE KIT

As you will know from the school prospectus and uniform requirements, a tracksuit is listed as part of the PE Kit for Years 1-6. PE lessons take place outside all year round and at this time of the year the weather can be very cold. A school tracksuit can be purchased from Valentinos or you may provide a plain navy blue one of your own.

Diary Dates

December

- 8th Chobham Late Night Christmas Shopping
- 9th Christmas Lunch
- Final of St. Lawrence has got Talent
- 11th Snow Queen Pantomime - 9.30am
- 14th Christmas Play performance - Playgroups: 10am
- 15th Christmas Play performance - Old Folks: 1.30pm
- 16th CYE Assembly
- Christmas Play performance - Parents: 6.30pm
- 17th Achievement & Attendance Assembly
- 18th Carol Service at St. Lawrence Church - 10am

End of Term

School Closes at 1.30pm

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th January 2010
Children return on Weds 6th January at 8.45am

SPRING TERM 2010

January

- 6th Epiphany Service at St. Lawrence Church - 9.15am
- 18th All Clubs start this week
- 22nd PTA Children's Disco
- 28th SATs Meeting for Year 6 - 6.30pm

February

- 2nd Huff & Puff Festival
- 5th Charity Day
- 9th Wisley visit - Years 1 & 2
- 11th CYE Residential Meeting - 6.30pm
- 12th Achievement & Attendance Assembly
- Finish for Half Term
- 15-19th HALF TERM
- 22nd Term Starts
- 24th Parents Evening: 3.30-5.30pm
- 25th Parents Evening: 5.30-7.30pm
- 27th PTA Family Weekend

March

- 1-5th Enrichment Week
- 5th World Book Day
- 10th Full Governors Meeting - 4pm
- 15th All Clubs finish this week
- 17th Interhouse Competition
- 18th SCATs Assembly
- 20th PTA Car Boot Sale
- 22-26th CYE Residential - Years 5 & 6
- 24th SATs Meeting for Year 2 - 2.45pm
- 27th Netball Rally
- 29-31st Holy Week
- 30th Achievement & Attendance Assembly
- 31st End of Term - 1.30pm

