



30<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**To Parents/Guardians of all Runnymede Pupils**

Dear Parent/Guardian

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2011**

The school is looking lovely and has a wonderful Christmas theme and warm atmosphere to it. I would like to thank all the parents, the PSA and Mrs Maguire who decorated the school so beautifully. The Christmas Fair was very popular and successful, thank you to everyone who helped make this such an enjoyable event. The event raised £1730 which will be used to purchase an interactive whiteboard.

The pupils and staff have been working extremely hard rehearsing for their performances, which are coming up soon, and are looking forward to sharing this special time with you.

My assemblies have been focusing on the meaning behind the advent wreath. Also we have spoken about the new John Lewis advert (3 million views on Youtube) which has really highlighted the joy of giving.

I would like to wish all members of the Runnymede community a happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 6 pupils visited Quarry Bank Mill and Styal Estate for a 'Victorian Day'.

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Whole School Advent Mass led by Y4. Runnymede Choir will be singing at Alder Hey Hospital. Extra Curricular finishes for the Christmas break.

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> December**

The whole school will be recording a CD of Christmas music. These are available to order now from Mrs Bixter at a cost of £9.99.

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>/Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December**

All pupils in the school will be watching the Dress Rehearsals for the Y1 and Y2 Performance and the Nursery and Reception Performance in advance of the performances for parents.

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup>/Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December**

The Christmas performances for families of Y1 and Y2 pupils take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the Ley Hall.

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December**

All Junior classes will be going to the Unity Theatre for the Junior

**P.T.O.**

Christmas Treat. This is instead of a Christmas party. All children need to wear school uniform.

#### **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Y2 will be attending the 'Schools Advent Service' at the Cathedral. (1.30 pm)

#### **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>/Fri 9<sup>th</sup> December**

The Christmas performances for families of Nursery and Reception pupils take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the Bryson Hall.

#### **Permission to Photograph**

We have permission from parents to photograph all pupils in school and therefore photographs may be taken at the end of performances. A professionally produced DVD will be recorded and will be available for parents to purchase. Parents will not be able to record their own videos owing to Safeguarding regulations.

#### **Fri 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Y1 and Y2 will be going to watch the dress rehearsal of the Junior Carol Concert at St Paul's Church (am only)

#### **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> December**

The Junior Carol Service will take place on this day at 1.30pm in St Paul's Parish Church, West Derby. All Junior parents are welcome to attend. Pupils will be walking to and from the service escorted by staff, parent helpers and additional help from Merseyside Police.

#### **Christmas Invitation for Tea/Coffee and Mince Pie**

All parents are invited to join us to mark this special season in the Bryson Hall after the Junior Carol Service. A separate invitation letter will be sent to you about this.

#### **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 2 pupils will visit Norton Priory.

#### **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Runnymede Choir will be singing Christmas Carols at the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo. All parents are welcome to attend. (12.30 pm)

#### **Tue 13<sup>th</sup> /Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December**

The School Nurse will be visiting us on these days to carry out routine medical screening tests with Reception pupils, whose parents have given their consent.

#### **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December (subject to change)**

Christmas Lunch will be served on this day for all pupils. Crackers and a treat will be provided by the PSA. Thank you to the PSA.

**Year 1** pupils will visit Croxteth Hall Grotto and farm. (pm only)

#### **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Our annual Choir Christmas Concert takes place at **7pm** in the Ley Hall on this day with the children providing the musical entertainment to get us in to the spirit of the season.

#### **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Infant Christmas parties take place during the afternoon of this day. Children may wear party clothes.

#### **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December - Noon**

School closes for the Christmas holiday at noon on this Friday and the children return to school in the New Year on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

#### **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Autumn Term Reports. The reports will be sent home to you via your son or daughter in a sealed envelope.

## **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Runnymede Choir will be singing at Liverpool Football Club's Carol Service. (3.30pm)

## **Other Issues**

### **Baby News**

Mrs Katie Mannion gave birth to a baby girl, Nancy Marion, on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 weighing in at 7lb 12oz. Mum, Dad, big sisters Olivia and Dervla are all doing well. Our congratulations to them all and a special welcome to Nancy. Please remember them in your prayers.

### **Health and Safety**

The nights (and mornings) are drawing in and getting darker so please be extra vigilant whilst crossing North Drive, to and from the CI Car Park. Could I also add that the pot holes, particularly at the Eaton Road end of North Drive are extremely hazardous so please take extra care while driving.

### **Lunch Menus**

Please find attached the amended lunch menus which will take effect from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, starting with **Week 2**.