

Atwood Primary School Newsletter

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Holidays

Just to remind you that the children finish at the normal time on Tuesday (19th December), and return to school on Thursday 4th January. Please take a moment to check the diary page on our website as some new events have been added recently.

Mufti for Green!

As a new element within our rewards system, at the end of each term we are allowing all children (Reception to Y6) from the winning school team [Air (yellow), Earth (green), Fire (red), Water (blue)] to come in mufti, preferably dressed in their team's colour. This term, the winners were **EARTH**, so any child in this team may do so on **Monday 18th December**. All other children should be in normal school uniform.

WOW!

This is an initiative called 'Walk On Wednesdays'. With this scheme the school aims to promote walking to school to parents and pupils on Wednesdays (or an alternative day). At the start of the initiative, every child who agrees to join the WOW scheme will receive a certificate recognising their commitment to the scheme. On a monthly basis, badges are awarded to every child who has walked to and from school every Wednesday of the month as a way of congratulating them. To maintain interest the design of the

badge changes every month! If we adopt this scheme we could include the facility to park at Waitrose and walk from there.

... and fruit?

As part of Healthy Schools we are looking into the provision of fruit for the juniors. We are aware that the children do miss the daily fruit when they leave KS1 and are considering beginning a 'healthy tuck shop'. We are currently researching this and would be interested to receive any comments or suggestions you may have.

WOW, and the junior fruit, can be discussed at the Class Reps meeting on 5th January.

Organic Vegetables

Some of you may remember Riverford at our Summer Fair. Riverford deliver different sized vegetable boxes directly to your home, and regular orders earn the school a small commission. A leaflet should accompany this newsletter. If you are interested, please contact the company directly, but ensure you say you are from Atwood Primary School.

Concerts

We have now given seven 'public' performances of various Christmas concerts and plays over the past two weeks, with every child having the opportunity to participate. The standard has been exceptionally high and the children should be congratulated for entertaining us with their talents.

We are interested in feedback about the format of our concerts. Having a Y5/6 Carol Celebration was as a direct result of parents' feedback last year. Our Y3/4 Selfish Giant had both an afternoon and evening performance, which I know many parents appreciate if they are working. However, a number of children's parents do not wish them to take part unless it is during school time, and therefore it becomes more difficult to involve all the children.

Forthcoming Dates

15-Dec-06 4M Assembly 10am
Discos - 3.30 R/1/2, 5.30 3/4, 7.30 5/6

16-Dec-06 Singing for NSPCC outside Fairfield (6.30 - 7.30pm)

18-Dec-06 Mufti day for winning team

19-Dec-06 Last day of term

03-Jan-07 Staff Training Day

04-Jan-07 Pupils return

05-Jan-07 Class Reps meeting 8.50am

10-Jan-07 Parents' Association Meeting 8pm

15-Jan-07 Finance Committee 8pm

24-Jan-07 Y6 swimming session (gala pupils) 10.30 - noon
Premises Committee 8pm

31-Jan-07 Parents' Evening (all classes) 3.30 - 8.00pm

01-Feb-07 Swimming heats (Purley) Y3-6 9am - noon
Parents' Evening (all classes) 3.30 - 5.30pm

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