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Dear Parent/Carer

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NEWSLETTER

A SHOW IN A DAY – Tomorrow, Saturday 3rd of December, the Rice Lane Drama Group are attempting to do a show in 24 hours, which includes writing, choreographing and directing the entire show in only one day! It is a massive undertaking which is going to require a lot of hard team work and a group of very talented children. The show is to help raise money to aid a former pupil to go to India in order to do charity work. However, no matter how hard they work the show won't be a success without an audience and that's where you can help. Please come and support the drama group. The show begins at 6pm in the school hall. Ticket prices are £3 for adults and secondary school children and £2 for concessions, these are available on the door. There will also be a raffle and an interval where refreshments will be available. Please, please come and enjoy a very entertaining evening.

Years 3, 4, 5 Colomendy Trip March 2012 – I have been instructed by Kingswood Colomendy that they now require the final payment of £59 (this includes transport costs). This must be sent to school by **Friday 13 January 2011** at the latest. Monies can be paid in to the school office at any time before this final date.

Christmas Service - A Traditional Nativity – Please don't forget that our annual Christmas Service to which **EVERYONE** is warmly invited, will take place in **St John's Church on Rice Lane** on **Thursday 8 December**. There will be **TWO performances**, one at **2pm** and one at **7pm**. However, please may I ask that no very young children are brought, if at all possible and that everyone is **seated at least 10 minutes before** the performances are due to start.

Please note: With regard to the evening performance, ALL actors, readers and choir members **MUST report** to either Mr Harvey or Mrs Hollis at St John's Church **by 6.30pm**. These children must be picked up **immediately after** the evening performance which is expected to finish **no later than 8pm** by a responsible adult. It would also be lovely to see as many children as possible at the evening performance, as they have all worked hard practising this year's Christmas Carols. (They should wear their school uniform)

The Ian Davies Attendance Trophy for November – Please join me in congratulating Class 4C for being the winner of the Ian Davies Attendance Trophy for the month of November with a superb attendance of 97%. Well done children! The children are to be rewarded for their good attendance with a session at the Walton Adventure playground.

In the last week of this term certificates will be given for those children who have had an excellent attendance over the term.



Appointments in school time - Could I please remind parents that should your child require an appointment of any kind that you please make these, whenever possible, after school. If for any reason your child has an appointment within school hours, please bring your child in to school to receive their mark before taking them for the appointment. Could I also ask that a copy of their appointment card/letter be sent to school. Thank you.

4B Alsop - 4B have been involved in an art project at Alsop High school for the past three weeks painting new art canvases for this year's Nativity performance in St John's church. Mrs Brown has told me that the children have worked really hard and the staff at Alsop have been really impressed not only with their art skills but with their team work, attitude and behaviour. A huge thank you all staff involved at Alsop for letting us use their wonderful facilities and to Ms Avison for making the arrangements.

Christmas Fair - Next Monday, 5th December after school children in 5 WH will be having a final craft session to finish their creations for the Toy fair. Thank you to all parents who have helped so far, and if they can spare more time after school this Monday along with any other parent, they would be warmly welcomed.

As of Monday, raffle tickets will be sold on the yard in the morning to parents and children. You can see the wonderful prizes you can win, advertised in the parents notice board..

On Friday 9th December we are having our second non-uniform day in return for **50p or shop bought cakes** such as cup cakes (not whole cakes which need to be cut up) which have a sell by date later than 14th December. We would also like you to start sending in any unwanted toys, books, DVD's ('U' rating only), cuddly toys etc which are in good condition.

If anyone has any large Christmas display characters, such as Rudolph, elves, snowmen and also any Christmas trees and decorations, etc which you would be prepared to lend us for use in Mr Quirk's grotto, please let him know. Also, if any parents can do face painting and are available to help on the day, do let us know as soon as possible. Thank you for all your support!!

CAN YOU HELP - we are looking for a budding artist who is able to do face painting at the Christmas Fair, if you are able to help, please see Ms Waterman, thank you.

Year 3 visit to Unity Theatre - Year 3 children will be visiting the Unity Theatre On Friday 9th December and therefore the children **must wear school uniform**. Year 3 children will be allowed to wear their own clothes on Wednesday 7th December instead, in exchange for 50p or a donation to the fair (see above)

Dogs - Whilst we appreciate that children want to show off their new puppies, once this has been done we would appreciate if parents could refrain from bringing puppies and dogs on to the School Site, thank you.

SNAG Group - The interviews for the new SNAG group have now taken place all candidates filled in a application form and from this children were chosen for an interview. There were three candidates for each year group and the school council selected the best candidate from each year group. Mr Quirk is looking forward to working with the new SNAG group which consists of:

Year 3 - Alex Rothwell 3B

Year 4 - Micha Keeley 4C

Year 5 - Kaitlin Guatella 5Q

Year 6 - Lucie Enston 6M

Our first meeting will take place on Thursday 12th January in school time.



Year 5/ Basketball Tournament - Good luck to the children in the year 5 and 6 basketball team who will be playing in a tournament on Friday 9th December at Fazakerley High school 1-4pm. Those involved will be given a letter with further details next week. Watch this space for how they get on!!

NSPCC Assembly - Y5 and Y6 children were given a talk on Thursday by the NSPCC. It was a very informative and it raised awareness of different forms of keeping safe. The NSPCC are coming in on Monday next week to deliver workshops to the classes involved.

Barclays Bank - Y5 children were involved in workshops run by Barclays Bank today. A team of staff from various Barclays Branches volunteered to run the sessions. The children were really enthusiastic and enjoyed the sessions, as well as learning a lot. It was a good link to our topic of money this term. Thank you to the staff of Barclay's Bank for their work.

Parent Governor - As stated in previous Newsletters due to a resignation we have a vacancy for a parent Governor. If you are interested in applying for this position can you please see or contact me by Tuesday 6th December. Thank you.

Buddy Rota for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5G	5WH	5Q	6H	6M
		Yinka 6H	Yinka 6M	Yinka 6W

After School Clubs on next week:

Please note Guitar club is on both Tuesday and Friday next, ie week beginning 5th December.

Craft club for class 5WH Monday 5th December only until 4.30pm.

French club - Also that it is the last French club on Tuesday, when children will taste pains au chocolat, croissants and brioches. If your child has any food allergies, please see Miss Borrione before Tuesday.

Drama Club - Friday will be the last session of Drama Club.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5WH Craft Club 3.35-4.30pm	Y4 Gymnastics 3.35-4.30	No Clubs	Y5/6 Athletics	Guitar
Y6 Card/Craft Club	Guitar			Drama - (last session)
	Years 5/6 French club (last session)			
	Y3/4 Paid Football Club with Liam			
	Y6 Basketball with Jay			

Community News

- St John's Christmas Fayre will be held at the Church tomorrow 12.00 noon until 3.00pm - FREE ADMISSION.
- The congregation of St John's would like to thank everybody for their support and attendance at the Christmas Bingo at Dunny's Club.



Christmas Activities

- **Choir at Fazakerley Hospital** - on Friday 9th December our choir will be singing at Fazakerley Hospital at 1.30
- Walton Youth Project & Alsop High School would like to invite everybody to their Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will be presented by the Lord Mayor, you can meet Santa on his Sleigh, enjoy the carol singing, free scouse, and much more. **This takes place on Wednesday 7th December at 4pm outside Alsop Lifestyles Sports Centre, Queens Drive.**

GOOD LUCK - We would like to wish Mr Bailey and any other staff and parents taking part, good luck in the Liverpool Santa Dash on Sunday 4th December.

Yours sincerely

M Rowlands
Headteacher

TO: Ms Waterman 5WH Craft club

Childs Name: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the Craft Club on Monday 5 December

My child will be collected by a responsible adult

My child is allowed to walk home alone at 4.30pm

Please tick one of the above

SIGNED: _____ *parent/guardian*

