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Dear Parent/Carer

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Industrial Action - All parents should have received a letter on Tuesday informing them that the school **will be shut** to children on **Wednesday 30th November** if the proposed Industrial Action goes ahead.

School Photographs - Thank you to all those parents who have returned their photograph orders so promptly. Can we please ask that any outstanding orders be returned to school with the completed Tempest order form, along with the **CORRECT** amount sealed in the envelope **by 28th November 2011 at the latest**. This will mean that your photos will be back in time for Christmas. I must point out that once the orders have been picked up, all late orders will have to be sent off by you and you will incur a 'late payment' charge. This late payment charge will need to be sent along with your late order.

Anti-bullying week - This week all the children took part in a variety of lessons which highlighted issues around bullying, in particular the impact of name calling. I have been told that all children worked sensibly in lessons and made brilliant suggestions about how to stand up for themselves and how to support each other if bullying issues arise. The key message of the week is to **ALWAYS TELL** if you are being bullied so teachers, parents and children can support you.

Christmas Fair donations - Thank you to all those who supported the forth coming school Christmas Fair by bringing in donations or 50p today in return for wearing own clothes.

Our next own clothes day will be on Friday 9th December in return for shop bought cakes to sell on the actual day of the fair (Wednesday 14th December). We ask you not to start sending in unwanted toys, books, DVD's etc until **Monday 5th December**, but **DO GET SORTING!!** As always we are really grateful for your support.

NSPCC Assembly and Workshops - All children in years 5 and 6 should have brought home a letter yesterday about the Assembly and workshops being run by the NSPCC. There is a drop in session for parents of children in years 5 and 6 who wish to find out more on Tuesday 29th November at 2:00 in our school hall. If parents do not wish their child to be included in the work they must return the tear off slip on the letter by **Tuesday 29th November**, if we do not receive the slip we will presume you are happy for your child to take part. Thank you.

Grand Christmas Draw - Yes, it's that time of year again! Every child, will next week bring home a draw card and a letter telling you all about our famous Grand Christmas Draw. There are fabulous prizes to be won, including a **main prize of £100 CASH** and there are **12 other wonderful prizes** to win. Also, the child whose name is on the winning card will receive a prize. Spaces on the card are 30p each and if your child brings back a completed card, he/she will receive a sweet treat. The draw will take place on **Thursday 15th December at 10.30am**, therefore **ALL cards must be returned** to school by Tuesday 14th December. This is our main school fund raiser of the year and every penny profit made is channeled into the school fund and spent on the children, either in funding visiting theatre companies, help with transport, party food etc.

I would like to say, however, that my staff and I are well aware that this is a very expensive time of year (*as well as the effect of the current economic climate*) and truly hope that you do not feel pressured into supporting us. If you choose not to take part in the draw, all we ask is that **you send back the blank** draw card as this is numbered and we need it for auditing purposes - thank you.

Energy Drinks - It has been brought to my attention that more and more children are bringing Energy Drinks in to school. As we are a Healthy School we would like you to work with us in promoting healthy choices in food and drinks. We would appreciate if you could refrain from sending these drinks in to school. If children are found to have these drinks in school they will be confiscated until the end of the school day.



Colomendy 2012 - Further details regarding the final balance will be in next weeks Newsletter, however, we need to make you aware that when we have the amount this must be sent to school by **Friday 13th January 2012** at the latest. Monies can be paid in to the school office at any time before this final date.

School Council - The School Council meeting this week was to elect the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. The children gave very interesting speeches with some very good ideas which we hope to follow up. We also witnessed some excellent typing skills. The successful children where:

Chairperson - Matthew Potts 6M

Vice Chairperson - Jade Allen 5Q

Secretary - Katelyn Davies 4C

SNAG - The School Councillors carried out the interviews for the SNAG group this week and got many interesting applications, with some very good ideas for us to try out. The successful children are as follows:

Year 3 - Alex Rothwell 3B

Year 4 - Micha Keeley 4C

Year 5 - Kaitlin Guatella 5Q

Year 6 - Lucie Enston 6M

We look forward to working together with them to make Rice Lane Juniors even healthier.

Play in a Day - Next Saturday 3 December, the drama group will be producing a 'Play in a Day'. This fun activity is to raise money to help an ex pupil, Vicky Jones with her fundraising to go to India to do Charity Work. Why not come along and support the children at their performance on Saturday night between 6 - 8pm in the school hall - I'm sure it will rival 'Strictly'. You can pay on the door at £3 for adults and secondary aged children and £2 for children and senior citizens. Refreshments will be served.

Green Team - The children have been very busy since their election - sorting and recycling packaging from the packed lunches, including collection of tin foil for the Guide Dog Charity. The children are now leading on the 'Switch Off' fortnight which started last Monday. Further details on their planned activities to follow.

School Meals - Christmas Dinner - REMINDER on **Wednesday 7th December**, our **Christmas Lunch Menu** will be served, either the classic Christmas lunch or vegetable option with all the trimmings and a festive dessert. The cost is the normal price of £1.80. If your child usually brings a packed lunch, he/she is very welcome to order a school meal for that day by bringing in the **£1.80 and the reply slip to Mrs Betty no later than Tuesday 29th November**. If your child prefers to bring in a packed lunch, maybe you could make it a little 'festive' for your child!

Time to start thinking aboutChristmas Parties! - In order to give you good notice, I would like to inform you that our Christmas parties will be held on the afternoon of **Monday 12 December for our YEAR 3 & 4 children** and they will be asked to wear a 'FANCY HAT' which should be made at home. Children can come into school in party clothes all day on the Monday. The afternoon of **Tuesday 13 December is the party for our YEAR 5 & 6 children** who will be asked to wear 'FANCY DRESS' which should also be made at home. Children can come into school in party clothes and change into Fancy Dress in the afternoon. Thank you.

Important Notice: Please contact the school office if your **child has a food allergy** and you would like to check what **party food/drinks** will be on offer to the children.

Box Tops for Books - We are participating in the 'Box Tops for Books' scheme. On the special packs of Nestle Cereals tokens for the scheme can be found, these are then sent in to school and can be redeemed for cash or books. So, if you have any of these tokens, please send them in to school to enable us to obtain some free books.

Buddy Rota for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3B	3C	3J	4B	4JA
		Yinka 4JA	Yinka 5G	Yinka 5Q



After School Clubs on next week

*This Monday is the last session for the 'Let's get Cooking' group. The children will be making chocolate brownies! The sessions will start again after Christmas.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y6 Card/Craft Club	Y4 Gymnastics 3.35-4.30	No Clubs - Industrial Action School Closed	Y5/6 Athletics	Y6 Drama
*Y4 Lets Get Cooking	Y5/6 French Club 3.35-4.30			Choir till 4pm
	Y3/4 Paid Football Club with Liam			
	Y3 Guitar 3.30-4.30			
	Y6 Basketball with Jay			

Family Learning - The very popular parents' course 'Helping your Child with Maths in Key stage 2' is to run again. The ten week course, led by the Family Learning Service, will take place in the Infant School starting on January 16th 2012. Why not go along and get information?

Community News

- The Headteacher of St Mary's Catholic High School, Crosby, has asked me to inform parents of the application procedures for the school. Any parent who would like further details should call in to the school office.
- St John's Christmas Fayre will be held at the Church on Saturday 3rd December 12.00 noon until 3.00pm - FREE ADMISSION.
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Dates for your diary:

- Christmas Lunch - **Wednesday 7th December** - open to all children
- Choir to sing at 'The Wellie' **Tuesday evening 13th December** (Details to follow)
- School Christmas Production in St John's Church - **Thursday 8th December** at 2:00 and 6:30
- Christmas Parties - Year 3 and 4 on **Monday 12th December** - Fancy Hats
Year 5 and 6 on **Tuesday 13th December** - Fancy Dress
- Christmas Draw - **Thursday 15th December**
- Finish for Christmas at **2pm on Friday 16th December**

Yours sincerely

M Rowlands
Headteacher

Christmas Lunch Name _____ Class _____

My child normally has a packed lunch but would like to stay for the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 7th December. They would like -

- A traditional Christmas Dinner
- The Vegetarian Option
- I enclose £1.80
- My child is entitled to a free school lunch.

Please tick as appropriate and return to the office by Tuesday 29th November.

Signed _____ parent/guardian



Christmas Fair/Toy Fair

Year 5 will be hosting the Christmas Fair this year. The fair will be held on:

Wednesday 14th December in the school hall, the quad and the year 5 classrooms

The timetable will be as follows:

10.40-11.40 Year 3 and parents/carers
1.20-2.20 Year 4 and parents/carers
2.30-3.15 Year 6 and parents/carers

As year 5 are on the stalls their parents/carers can come at any point during the day.

It would be wonderful if on the day Y5 could come dressed as helping elves or wearing their uniforms with any types of Christmas head wear.

Thank you so much for all of your donations for our Christmas Fair so far.....

Some dates for your diary

Tuesday 29th November &

Thursday 1 December

5WH are making crafts during the morning, any parental help would be beneficial. If you can help, please let Ms Waterman know on Monday, thanks

The following specific donations would also be greatly appreciated in 5WH:

- Porridge Oats
- Digestive biscuits
- Clear sandwich bags
- Any type of sweets for a sweet jar
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From Monday 5th December

Please bring in unwanted toys/books, etc for the toy stalls.

Friday 9th December

OWN CLOTHES DAY in return for shop bought cakes/sweets or a 50p donation. If you would prefer to bring in homemade cakes we would love to have them from 12th December

Raffle tickets will be on sale from next Tuesday on the yard before school.

5Q would like parents/carers to donate any unused Christmas decorations for their Santa's Grotto. Things like Christmas Trees, Lights, Baubles, Tinsel, Reindeers, Snowmen, etc would be very much appreciated, thank you.

YEAR 5 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE STILL NEED HELP ON THE DAY AND IN THE RUN UP (ESPECIALLY ART/COOKING HELP) SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE SEE MRS DOYLE OR MS WATERMAN.

