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Dear Parent/Carer

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NEWSLETTER

Open Evening - All children should have brought home a letter this week giving the times of your appointment for Open Evening. We look forward to seeing you either next Wednesday if your child's teacher is part-time (we are liaising with the Infant's school in order to avoid clashes) or Thursday 10 November.

Attendance and Punctuality - We are pleased with our school attendance for last term which ended at 96%. However, we continue to try to improve on this. On Open Evening we will discuss any concerns we have about your child's attendance and punctuality and will give you a leaflet from the Local Authority about the importance of regular attendance at school.

Autumn half term attendance

3B	96.2%	4B	97.1%	5G	94.9%	6H	97.6%
3C	93.4%	4JA	94.6%	5WH	92.1%	6M	98.8%
3J	96.6%	4C	96.9%	5Q	98.1%	6W	96.8%

Keeping Safe - On Monday, in assembly, Ms Waterman and I talked to the children about this terms PHSE focus which is 'Keeping Safe.' In the Assembly we stressed the importance of the Emergency Services and how they all help in keeping us all safe. We were, however, surprised that many children didn't know their own contact details if they needed them. We have asked the children to ensure they know or know where to find their details in the case of an emergency. Year 3 will have a special talk homework on this in the next week.

Also as part of this topic this we will focus on Anti-Bullying in the week commencing 21 November. We will give you more information about this soon.

Parent Information Forms - Have you changed your mobile phone number recently, or even your house number or address? Please don't forget to inform the school office if you need to alter/add **anything at all** to your Parent Information Form - thank you. This also applied to any new medical conditions your child maybe diagnosed with.

Poppy Appeal - We have poppies on sale in school all week for both parents and children to buy.

Whole School Photographs - A letter was sent home this week giving details about the School Photographer who will be in school on **Wednesday 16 November**. Please complete the reply slip on the bottom of that letter stating your request and return it to school with your oldest child - thank you.



BATALA Drumming - The children were treated to a Samba Batala presentation by Ritchie and Leah on Wednesday which included an introduction to the music as well as an opportunity to try out the drums. Children were given letters to explain more about the club including a tear off slip for you to complete if you want your child to take part in this after school club. The club will run from 16 of November, but if we have a large response we may run two clubs, the second being in the New Year. If your child has already participated in this club before, they are still welcome to join so they can enhance their skills. Please return the slips to school as soon as possible and by **Friday 11 November** at the latest.

School Diaries - I am confident that all parents will no doubt appreciate the importance of the School Diary that each child was issued with at the beginning of the new school year. It is a very useful means of teachers and parents communicating with each other on a daily basis. Unfortunately, lots of children do not bring their diary into school and several get lost!

May I please ask that you make full use of your child's diary, making comments as you feel the need, as will the class teacher? Replacement diaries for children in Years 3, 4 & 5 will cost £1.50 and the Year 6 diaries £2.50.

Christmas Fair

This year instead of our usual used toy fair we are trying something new! As part of their money topic, year 5, will be hosting the Christmas Fair for all the school and parents. In order for this to be really effective we would like as many parents as possible to help in the weeks leading up to the event in the following ways: supporting children making things to sell such as crafts, games, Christmas cards etc; baking cakes to sell; creating a grotto; or helping on the day.

As usual we would still like you to begin collecting used toys/videos, cuddly toys, games, books, DVD's (U's only), dressing up clothes, ornaments and unwanted presents for the raffle etc, as part of the hall will still be used for a toy fair, **but please don't bring them into school until nearer the date.**

Finally, if you work for Barclays and are to fund match, there is a possibility that you could double the money we raise!

This year we will be using some of the profits raised towards sending a member of our own staff with the Waterloo Partnership to our partner school in Sierra Leone.

If you think you could help in any way please come to a short meeting on Wednesday 9th November at 9 o'clock.

If you can't come to this meeting, just let Mrs. Doyle or Ms Waterman that you are interested in helping.

Thank you in advance.

BUDDY Rota for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5WH	6H	6M	6J	3B
		with Yinka 6H	with Yinka 6M	with Yinka 6W



Green Team Buddies - As promised last term, we have now interviewed the last few candidates for Buddies and Green Team. Here is a list of our successful children for year 5, all other years were notified in the last newsletter:

Green Team	Kyle Davies	5Q
Buddies	Jude Balcomb	5WH
	Jamie Garner	5WH
	Josh Dermott	5WH
	Jodie Lane	5G
	Megan Gough	5G

The school councillors found interviewing the children very interesting and commented on the calibre of the interviews. Thank you to all the children concerned it was great fun and we hope you all look forward to fulfilling your roles.

After School Clubs on next week

School Choir - Our School Choir is to resume again next Friday between 3:15 - 4:00. In these sessions the children will start their preparations for their busy Christmas schedule. If your child would like to become a member of the Choir, please complete the permission slip at the end of the newsletter and return to Mr Jones/Mrs Hollis.

Guitar club Reminder - The Guitar club for year 3 is on **FRIDAY** and not Tuesday next week. We have also arranged that the last two sessions for the group will be on **Tuesday 6** and **Friday 9 December 2011**, please note that these sessions are both in the same week.

***Y5/6 Athletics** Please note that this will be on Tuesday for next week only due to Parents Evening.

***Gardening Club** - Due to the possibility of bad weather in the winter months, next week will be the last week of gardening club. However, existing gardening club members and new ones are welcome to attend the science club which will run through the winter months.

Early morning coaching with Yinka, continues as normal years 5/6 Monday and 3/4 on Tuesday.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5 boys and girls Football	Y3 Gymnastics 3.35-4.30 LAST ONE	No Clubs		Y6 Football
Y6 Card/Craft club	Y5/6 French Club 3.35-4.30pm			Y6 Drama
Y5/6 Tag Rugby	Y3/4 paid Football Club with Liam			*Y3 Guitar 3.30-4.30
Y4 Lets Get Cooking - LAST SESSION FOR GROUP 1	Y6 Basketball with Jay			
	*Y3/4 Gardening Club Last session this term due to the dark nights			
	*Y5/6 Athletics			

Lifestyle swimming - At the last School Parliament at Liverpool Town Hall, it was discussed with the school parliament teams ways in which we could market the fact that children now receive free swimming and a range of other activities at Lifestyle Gyms. Children can also get a reduction on gym facilities at Lifestyles, paying £1 per session after one month of free use. It was discussed how the children could champion and market the free Leisure passes and they decided to include it within our newsletter. So why not take a look at Lifestyle Gyms and what they have to offer.

Time to start thinking about Christmas !!

- **Our School Toy Fair** - It's now time to have a 'sort out' at home of all your children's unwanted toys, books, dvd's, puzzles and games (we will give you lot's more information nearer the time) in readiness for our annual Toy Fair which will take place on the afternoon of **Friday 2 December**.
- **Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 7 December** - open to all children - further details to follow
- **Christmas Production in St John's Church - Thursday 8 December** at 2:00 and 6:30
- **Christmas Parties** - Year 3 and 4 on **Monday 12 December** - Fancy Hats
Year 5 and 6 on **Tuesday 13 December** - Fancy Dress
- **Christmas Draw - Thursday 15 December**
- **Finish for Christmas at 2pm on 16 December**

Community News:

St John the Evangelist - Bingo and Quiz at Dunny's Club on Wednesday 23 November doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30 admission £2. The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 3 December in Church 12 noon until 3pm, admission is free.

Rice Lane City Farm - Free open access play sessions Ages 8-12yrs every Monday and Wednesday at Rice Lane City Farm, in the Chapel from 3.30-5.45pm - gate closes at 4.15pm, contact 0151 530 1066.



The Incredible Years Parenting Course - St Andrew's Community Network will soon be running the successful "Incredible Years Parenting Course" again. There will be an information session on **Wednesday 9 November between 12.30pm and 2.30pm** and the course starts on **Wednesday 16 November between 12.30pm and 2.30pm** and runs at the same time each **Wednesday** until **8 February (with a break at Christmas)**. The course will be held at Roscoe Primary School, Ballantyne Road entrance, Liverpool L13 9AL, if you want to know more or book a place please contact **Denise Williams** either via email: denise@changingclubmoor.org.uk or telephone: **0151 226 3406**.

STOP PRESS - Scholastic Book club Leaflets are coming home this week. Some great bargains, ideal for Christmas Gifts. All orders into school by **Friday 11 November - CHEQUES ONLY PLEASE - no cash payments**.

Tomorrow is Bonfire Night; we want everyone to have a great time **but do keep safe!**

Yours sincerely,

M Rowlands, Headteacher

School Choir - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FRIDAYS.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I would like my child to attend the School Choir sessions taking place in and after school starting Friday 11 November

- My child is allowed to walk home alone at 4:00pm
- My child will be picked up by a responsible adult.

Please delete where applicable.

Signed _____ *Parent/carer*

