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Dear Parent/Carer

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NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Colomendy Payments now due - Thank you to those parents who have now sent the final balance payment for Colomendy. The final payment of £59 per child must be sent to school by **Friday 13th January 2011** at the latest. Monies can be paid in to the school office at any time before this final date. I also need to remind you that any cancellations are charged by Kingswood Colomendy on a sliding scale- the nearer to the trip the more you will have to pay.

Year 3 Egyptian bread making - as part of our new topic we will be making Egyptian bread on Friday morning. Any parent helpers would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to class teachers.

Open Afternoon/Evening for YEAR 6 Parents - we are giving you advance notice of an early open afternoon/evening for year 6 parents and children take place just before half term. We will set a date nearer the time.

Live and Learn Like a Champion - on Monday a group of 30 year 5 children will be attending the Live and Learn Like a Champion launch at Wavertree Sports Centre. The children will be taking part in various physical activities and will learn about the key attributes which the Olympics will bring to London. The children who will be attending this event have already had their letters. We look forward to hearing how they get on!

The Snow Queen. Next Wednesday all the children will be treated to a performance of the Snow Queen. There is no cost to you for this treat; the cost of the performance will be paid for from our school funds.

Themed Lunch - The next themed Lunch which is a party style 'HAPPY NEW YEAR' will be **served on Thursday 19th January**. All children are able to take part in this lunch. If your child normally brings a packed lunch and would like to have the lunch on this day, please return the reply slip indicating whether your child is entitled to a free school meal or enclosing £1.80 by Wednesday 11th January - Thank you.

Credit Union - School Savings Scheme - It is hoped that many of our regular savers get back into this very good habit, and bring in their savings on a **Thursday morning**.

Junior Chefs - On Tuesday, we will welcome the 'Junior Chefs' into school to work with our Year 4 children. All Year 4 children brought home a letter about this very exciting venture (*in school time*). It is however, vital, that parents return the reply slip to their child's class teacher about allergies, by **Monday 9th January at the latest** - thank you.



Classes 5Q and 4C - Swimming Lessons - Swimming lessons will commence for these two classes on Thursday 12th January. May I remind you that girls require a 'one-piece' costume, towel, swimming cap (and hair band/bobble if required). Boys require swim trunks or swim shorts, swim cap and a towel. Any child wishing to bring goggles must ensure that they are clearly named. **Please note:** spray deodorants are not allowed - only a stick or roll on variety - if any at all!

Year 4 visits to Alsop - Today the children in year 4 begin an exciting enhancement to this term's topic, The Caribbean. For the next 6 weeks, each Friday afternoon, the children will all go up and work on the following on a two week rotation: Caribbean food, Caribbean Dance and Caribbean costumes. We are really grateful to the staff at Alsop for running this programme, providing all the resources free of charge and for paying half the costs of the bus (We will pay for the other half from school funds). We look forward to finding out how they get on!

Flute Lessons - For the next ten weeks class 4B will have two hours tutoring on the flute/clarinet, depending on the amount of instruments available. These will take place each Wednesday and Friday. The instruments will be allowed to go home for practice but **must** be brought back to school on the relevant days for lessons. The children will be bringing home a letter on Monday giving parents more information on the lessons. Some children from 4JA will also be continuing flute tuition for short sessions on the same day. The lessons are provided through the Wider Opportunities project, funded by school and taught by the music service.

Keeping Healthy - PSHE

This year in PSHE the children have been taught about 'Making a Positive Contribution' and 'Staying Safe'. This half term our focus is KEEPING HEALTHLY, which includes drugs education.

Year 3 will be focusing on healthy eating and the link that this has with keeping teeth strong and healthy. Their drugs education focus will be medicines.

Year 4 will continue their focus on personal hygiene and stopping the spread of germs. Their drugs education focus will be smoking.

Year 5 will be focusing on the importance of healthy relationships. Their drugs education focus will be recapping smoking from year 4 and then their focus will be alcohol.

Year 6 will be focusing on mental health and how to combat stress. Their drugs focus will be legal and illegal drugs.

We hope to have people from various organisations to help support in the delivery in some of these areas, if you think you could support us in any way please see Ms Waterman who would be glad to hear from you. If you want to look at our drugs education policy it is available from the school office.

Ian Davies Attendance/Punctuality Trophy - I am very pleased to announce the winner of the Ian Davies Attendance/Punctuality Trophy for December is Class 3B with a fantastic 98.3%.

Early Morning Sports Coaching Sessions - These early morning sports coaching sessions will go ahead as normal next week.



Next Week's BUDDY Rota

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6H	6M	6W	3B	3C

After School Clubs on next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Craft Club - Year 6	Guitar year3 for those who have had letters	Walton Play Park Activities in school - year 4 Batala Group 1 Grand Finale		Drama- finishing at 5pm

BATALA Grand Finale and group 2

We would like to invite all parents of children from Batala group 1 to a Grand Finale starting at 5pm on Wednesday 11th January. Could parents of girls in this group please ensure that they wear/bring black tights and a vest to wear under their Batala costume.

Group 2 will start on Wednesday 18th January at 3.45-5.15. Please complete the tear of slip below and send in payments by Tuesday 17th January at the latest. Thank you

French Club for Year 3 & 4 Children - Miss Borrione is now inviting interested year 3 and 4 children to have start French Club. The club will start on **Tuesday 17th January**. The times for the club will be 3.35 - 4.30pm and children will need to be collected by an adult.

Any child in Years 3 and 4 are welcome; please complete the reply slip at the end of the Newsletter and return to Miss Borrione if your child wishes to take part. Dependant on numbers the club may have to be split into two groups, should this be the case you will be notified before the club starts.

Craft and Card Making Club - This popular club for year 6 will **recommence on Monday 9th January** between 3.35-4.30pm. All original members are welcome.

Future clubs will include - Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics, Let's Get Cooking, Cheerleading, Years 3/4 Gymnastics, Judo (paid activities) - details of days and start dates will be in future Newsletters.

Please note: There will be **NO Gardening Club, or Choir** until further notice.

Information from Liam Lawrence (LJL) -

- Liam's Year 3 football club in the Infant school will start again on Tuesday 17th January.

Yours sincerely
M Rowlands
Headteacher



FRENCH CLUB REPLY SLIP - Year 3 & 4

I give permission for my child _____ (enter name of child)
class _____ to attend French Club.

I confirm an adult will pick my child up at 4.30pm.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Themed Lunch - New Year Themed Lunch on Thursday 19th January.

My Child _____ of class _____ would like to take part in the
New Year Themed Lunch on Thursday 19th January,

My child is entitled to a Free School Meal

I enclose the £1.80.

(Please tick one of the above)

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Batala Drumming Group 2

Name of Child _____ Class _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the Batala Drumming and I am enclosing the cost of £30 for the sessions.

I understand that my child has to be collected at 5.15 outside the school hall doors by a responsible adult.

OR, I give my child permission to walk home alone. (Please delete as appropriate)

SIGNED: _____ parent/guardian

