

NEWSLETTER

Monday 30th November 2009

Dear Parents, Guardians, Governors and Friends,

PANTOMIME

When we attempted to book the pantomime in September for this year, the only seats available were in the upper circle. As some of the children found the height distressing last year, we have decided to have a pantomime visit the school.

Hansel and Gretel will be performed for the children on Thursday 3rd December at 9.15am. There is no charge for this event as it will be funded out of School Fund.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We are once again holding a Christingle Service in aid of The Church of England Children's Society. The service will take place on Friday 18th December (last day of term) at St Etheldreda's Church in Guilsborough at 1.45pm.



All friends and family are welcome to attend.

Children will be issued with instructions on Making Christingles, a candle with red tape wrapped around it and a collection envelope. Please make a Christingle with your child/children in preparation for the service to be held on Friday 18th December. The Christingle will need to be in school on the Friday morning. Thank you.

All money collected will be sent to The Children's Society. Further information regarding this charity can be found on:
www.childrensociety.org.uk

KEY STAGE 1 & 2 – CHRISTMAS PLAYS

The Key Stage 1 Christmas Plays are taking place on **Wednesday 9th December** at 10.00am and 2.00pm. The 10.00am performance is for the school, Guilsborough Pre-School and any parents that can not make the afternoon show.

The Key Stage 2 Christmas Plays will be held on **Tuesday 15th December** at 2.00pm and 7.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend either performance.

As in previous years, can I please ask parents with babies and pre-school children attending that they are removed from the hall if they are upset or causing a distraction. The children performing have worked very hard but are often very quiet and will not be easily heard.

Photographs for personal use may be taken during the performances.



CHILDREN IN NEED

This year, the children from Year 6 raised a total of £125.35 for Children In Need. They achieved this fantastic amount by holding a cake sale and taking part in various sponsored events.

A big thank you to parents for making and donating cakes for this sale.

WELL DONE YEAR 6!



CHANGE OF DATE FOR TRAINING DAY

It has been necessary to move the summer term training day from Friday 9th July 2010 and bring it forward to **Friday 5th February 2010**.

The reason for this being that we wish to train the teaching staff in 'Big Write' in order to help our children acquire better skills in writing.

The course facilitators are in high demand and we have been unable to obtain this training on the existing training day in January. A July training session would not have the same impact as it is very late in the school year.

As writing is one of our key areas for improvement and we have heard that 'Big Write' has had a major impact in the development of writing in other schools, we are keen to embark on introducing this scheme across the school.



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

**Wednesday 2nd December
10.30am**

Guilsborough Village Hall

Bring & buy sale, raffle, hot drinks & mince pies & festive musical entertainment.

Organised by sixth formers from Guilsborough School in order to raise funds and awareness for the mentoring scheme that has been so successful at school.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR - VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. If you are interested in this position or have any queries, please contact the school office.

DRESS DOWN DAY

This month's Dress Down Day will be on Friday 4th December.

For a donation of 50p, the children can wear clothes of their choice on this day.

This month the Dress Down Day money will be going to the charity '**Help for Heroes**'



DATE FOR DIARY



03/12/09	Hansel & Gretel
04/12/09	Dress Down Day
04/12/09	PTA Film Night
09/12/09	KS1 Plays
15/12/09	KS2 Plays
17/12/09	Christmas Parties (letter to follow)
18/12/09	Christingle Service
18/12/09	Last day of term
04/01/10	Staff training day
05/01/10	Term starts