

## KERESFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL - NEWS LETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the autumn term comes to an end I would like to say thank you for your continued support. Both in terms of the fund raising we have been doing and for supporting your children in the Christmas concerts. The Key Stage 2 concert was again another success with all the tickets being given out. If we have this much continued support for events we shall run the concert over 3 afternoons in 2012 as I know the children love performing and having the opportunity to show off all their hard work. The chapel was a wonderful sight during the Key Stage 1 performance and the singing truly angelic. You should be extremely proud of all your children and the hard work that they have put in to making this year's concerts such a success.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and I will look forward to seeing you again in 2012.

H. Otley

### Good Luck and Hello

As you are now all aware both Mr Mangham and Mr Swallow are moving onto pastures new at the end of this term. Like me, I am sure you would like to wish them all the best and hope that they enjoy the new challenges that lie ahead of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Byrnes who will be taking over class PM and Mrs Jones who will be taking over class JS. I am sure you will make these new members of staff very welcome to the Keresforth community. Both teachers have been spending time with the teachers so that there is a smooth transition for all the children as they return to school in the New Year. The children of the classes involved have met their new teachers and have had the chance to get to know them and show them their work.

### Weather Warning

The wintery weather has definitely begun to set in. The temperature is turning and the winds are getting stronger. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing for the weather conditions each day. It would really also help if the clothing was labelled we appear to be acquiring quite a few hats and gloves at the moment which belong to Mr Nobody as all the children are claiming that they are not theirs!

If the school does need to close due to extreme weather conditions you will be notified by text as soon as possible in the morning. We will also have it listed on the Dearne FM website. Only one text message will be sent per child, and this goes to the first emergency mobile contact we have. Please ensure that your phone number is kept up to date at the school office to ensure you receive the messages.

## Dinner / Milk Money

A school dinner costs £1.70, £8.50 per week and should be paid for in advance. Milk money will be due when we return in January and is still only £8.50 per term and payment is due by 21st January when we return after the Christmas break. **Cheques should be made payable to Barnsley M.B.C,**

## Absence

Please inform school of reasons for absence by telephone on the first day of any absences. The Government and L.A. are very strict about attendance and if notification is not received your child's absence is classed as unauthorised and the education welfare office notified. It is really important that your child attends school regularly, any child's attendance which drops below 95% is reviewed by the education welfare as this is the schools attendance target. To keep parents informed any child's attendance which does drop below 90% we are informing on a half termly basis so that you are made aware that their attendance is becoming a concern. Children who's attendance drops below 85% are now being classed as a persistent absentee by the governments new guidelines and this requires education welfare to become involved with you and your child.

## Congratulations

As some of you may of guessed Mrs Gatt is pregnant and is expecting her first baby in April. I am sure you will want to wish her all the best. She is hoping to remain in school until we break for the Easter holidays ensuring that all year 6 pupils are fully prepared for the SATs in May.

## Diary Dates

3rd January 2012	School opens
5th January	Year 6—One to One starts for selected pupils
11th January	Kingswood Parents meeting 3.30pm in class NG
29th January	Kingswood Year 5 and 6 returning 3rd February
10th February	Valentines disco organised by Friends
10th February	Break up Half term
20th February	INSET day
21st February	Children return

Advance notice Parents evenings for the Spring term will be held on 20th and 21st March.