



# **PETERCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL** **Newsletter**

## **DECEMBER 2008**



The Christmas season at school is now in “full swing” and the children are extremely busy preparing for all the forthcoming events. (Are you humming along with their Christmas songs yet?!). It is all very exciting and we hope the events taking place prepare you for spending a very Happy Christmas holiday.

### **Christmas Fayre**

As you know, the Christmas Fayre this year is taking place on **Tuesday 9 December at 2.30pm**. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to come, but if you are not, perhaps you will send your child into School on the day with some monies so they are able to browse round the stalls and make some purchases. If you are coming along, please use the community hall doors to gain access to the hall. The children will also be let into the hall at 2.30pm. Thank you for all of your extremely kind donations and generous offers of help so far, and we still require more items for the Christmas Hamper and the draw please.

### **Children In Need**

At the final count, we managed to raise £129.51 for Children in Need. Well done to you all and thank you for your generosity. A special mention to Rose, Charlotte and Megan who raised money by a Sponsored Pyjama Day and Sponsored Silences.

### **NEW TEACHER**

We look forward to welcoming Mrs S King-Salter our new Deputy Headteacher who will be teaching Class 5/6 and joins us after the Christmas break.

We will, with sadness, be saying goodbye to Miss Cunningham at the end of term. She will be missed very much by children and staff alike.

We all wish her well in her new post.

### **Christmas Celebration**

The play this year is entitled “The Christmas Code” and will be performed on **Wednesday 17 December at 2.00pm**. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

### **Used Cartridges**

Thank you for continuing to send in your used cartridges. If you require any freepost envelopes to place the cartridges in, they can be found on the shelf outside the School Office. The school continues to receive donations from The Recycling Factory for certain used cartridges we send to them.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Monday 17th November was the start of Anti-Bullying Week. All assemblies and some lessons during the week focused on anti-bullying strategies.

### **School Council**

At the last School Council meeting we were delighted to welcome Mrs King-Salter who will be co-ordinating the School Council when she joins the School in January 2009 as the new Deputy Headteacher.

At our meeting we planned a Treasure Map for the Christmas Fayre and discussed the possibility of a new Year 6 garden.

### **CLUBS**

Look out for information on a new After School Music Club for Key Stage 2.

The club will be run by 'Pedro' and will consist of percussion playing. 20 places will be available so get your forms in quick!

### **ECO Committee**

A meeting took place on 4<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed that a record should be kept of all of the birds we spot on our bird feeders.

We are also appealing for any old CDs you may have to scare away birds from our vegetable garden.

Please don't forget to visit Generation Green and play one of their games to win leaves that can be exchanged for equipment for the School.

### **SCHOOLS REVIEW**

At a schools conference held this week (2<sup>nd</sup> December) at the Three Counties Hotel, Hereford, council leaders, school headteachers and governors met to discuss some of the challenges facing Herefordshire's educational provision over the next few years.

Herefordshire Council has agreed to establish a task group of school representatives and council officers to work on a long-term strategy to continue providing the county's children with high educational standards.

It was a very positive day which sowed the seeds to help the council move forward.

### **Literacy Strategy**

As part of the Literacy Strategy, children are encouraged to write for an audience and we have decided to include examples of children's writing in the Newsletters. Here is another example:

(Class 5 children were asked to write a journalistic report for the School Christmas Play).

### **The Christmas Code**

On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008, Peterchurch Primary School will be performing in the School grounds.

The play is called "The Christmas Code". The main characters are Emily Sear who plays Mary, Tommy Wright as Joseph and Megan Parker as Gabriel. Megan Parker laughed "I can't wait to be Gabriel. I'm so happy to be one of the main characters".

The Christmas Code is about the Nativity – Jesus, the shepherds and the three Wise Men.

Everyone is looking forward to the play. The cast hope everyone will come and support Peterchurch Primary School.

**Megan Moss – Aged 10**

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
EVERYONE!



**C A Garlick**