



# Parracombe CE Primary School Newsletter

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**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December Term: Autumn Newsletter No: 7**

Dear Parents,

## Swimming

We have had a good response in relation to the planned swimming lessons next term. We are still waiting for the last few responses. Please get these into school as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers with the pool.

## Pantomime!

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Please come to school at the normal time. A coach will then pick the children up and take them to the pantomime at 10:00. We will return at about 12.00 for lunch. At 2:00 we are having a Christmas bazaar to raise money for Burundi and the PTFA will also have stalls too. Please come in and join us.

## Friends of Parracombe

Christmas party!

The Christmas party takes place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Children will be escorted to the village hall for 1:30 where they will be involved in team games, enjoy party food and meet Father Christmas! The party will finish at 3:30 and we are asking you to collect your children from the village hall. The children on the bus will be taken back to school to get collected as normal. Children will also be able to wear what they would like to, as it's a non-school uniform day!

## Christingle Service

The Christingle Service will be held tonight at Christ Church (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December). The infants and juniors enjoyed working together to make their own Christingles, which will be at Church for them to collect if you wish to attend the service. I'd also

like to say 'Thank you' to Kristian Winn, Huw Prosser, Arthur Hodgkinson and Hannah Walters for volunteering to do a reading tonight.

## Festive Creations

Mrs Ansell and myself have organised an arts and crafts day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Children will be split into mixed age groups and will work in a 'round robin' style. They will have opportunities to make table decorations, Christmas cards, calendars, decorate biscuits, and make Christmas textiles and tree decorations.

## Nativity

Costumes have been fitted, words practised and songs sang beautifully in preparation for the Nativity Service held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Christ Church. If possible could the children in the junior class bring (ready for the dress rehearsal on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>) a pair of dark trousers or skirt and a dark top. Please can these be brought to school in a labelled carrier bag. Infant children will need to be at Church between 10:00 and 10:30 so that we can get them into costume. The service will begin at 11:00. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

## Cake Draw

Caroline will be selling tickets for our half term cake draw. Tickets are 20p each and can be bought from Caroline on the Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Draw to take place Friday lunchtime. Money raised will go towards our continuing sponsorship of a school in The Gambia.

## Celebration

Every week the children have an assembly to celebrate each other's achievements. Well Done to Alex Walters, Brendan Passingham, Nicole Brown, Sam Down, Huw Prosser, Sarah-Jane Burrough, Morgan Prosser and Oliver Budd, for receiving a certificate rewarding them for their hard work and fantastic attitude towards their learning and school.

## Outings

Since the last newsletter Year 3 have been to a multi-sports festival at Ilfracombe College and Megan Councill and Sam Leworthy (Year 2), to Ilfracombe Infants for a D&T opportunity day. Both events were great fun and inspiring for the children who attended.

Kind Regards,

**Jody Davie**

**Head of Teaching and Learning**

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