

NEWSLETTER - CHRISTMAS 2008

What a super term we have had. It seems to have flown by due, I am sure, to the number of topics we have covered. The last week has been great fun, and the children have enjoyed making decorations for the class and for home. We do hope you will enjoy them.

'Bonfire Night' activities

We had such fun making a Guy. We found old clothes, stuffed them with newspapers and then painted a face onto a balloon. The bonfire was duly lit and the first thing to happen, which made us all jump, was the guy's face! Mrs Payne provided us with hot sausage rolls and hot chocolate whilst we sat and watched the fire for a while. Many of the children made comments about the fire getting smaller and how the guy's clothes had caught fire.

Later on in the day I took the children out to see what was left. I do not think they quite understood where the guy had gone! Lucy made a super 'firework' display in Puff Alley, using items the children had produced.

Autumn

The autumn table was interesting to assemble, as we had been discussing hibernation and the colour-changes we had seen on our walks. The children made hand-painted hedgehogs, which I hid around the room. Some children brought in different leaves and cones, all of which added to the interest of the table. I am sure you will all have noticed the display.

Christmas time

We have all had fun making decorations and things to take home and our display. Lucy had to produce an interactive display for College. She had the children sponge painting wrapping paper, finger painting Santa's trousers, and

brush-painting the backdrop. It made a change for Miss Clayton and I to sit back and watch!! Well done, Lucy.

Visit to Santa's Grotto

What a fantastic turn out. We all met at Gough's Cave, Cheddar and waited in their shop until the elves were ready to escort us into the cave where we saw penguins, polar bears, dancing snowmen and a singing reindeer. The elves asked us to shout "Wake up, Santa", just before we reached his house. Each child was able to chat to Santa and then received a gift.

I hope we will be able to repeat this visit again next year, but I fear the credit crunch may have hit this event; we can only keep our fingers crossed that it survives.

Nativity

Wow, we did it! After taking over an hour to get each child into costume, with numerous trips to the toilet (you know the problem, if one child needs to go then suddenly they all do!) for the dress rehearsal, I feared the worst, but the saying is 'if the rehearsal is not so good, it will be alright on the night', and it was. The children enjoyed it so much they were asking to do it again. I hope you all got as much pleasure from watching as we all did performing and, if so, would make a donation to the collection we are making for BIBIC to help them after their awful fire. There was a plate out on the afternoon of the performance, but unfortunately we forgot to remind you all.



Nativity - 15 December 2008

Parents' Appointments

I am aware that there are a few parents who were unable to see me this term. I will be quite happy to talk to you next term, if you ask to make an appointment.

Parking and Speed Limit

We would like to remind parents that there is a speed limit of **10mph** through the grounds. We also request that you avoid parking in front of Kindergarten, The Mews and Gate House. There is ample parking space in Clocktower Car Park, or on the Car Park below the tennis courts. Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

Clocktower Events Ltd

We would like to draw your attention to the availability of The Clocktower for parties - birthdays, anniversaries - functions, events, conferences, weddings etc. We can help you arrange as much or as little as you like. Details are available on the website: www.clocktowerevents.co.uk

Kindergarten vacancies

Parents may be aware that we have done no advertising for the Kindergarten for the past 18 months because "word of mouth" seems to be providing us with plenty of new pupils. Advertising is very expensive and we would like to think it is unnecessary. We do have a number of younger siblings booked in but are always hopeful that numbers will ultimately be further swelled by reservations for the future... keep spreading the word!

A Student's experiences...

I have been at Rossholme now for nearly a year and a half, and I have enjoyed the whole time, especially the last two Nativities, and the build up to Christmas. For college I have completed two displays with the children and carried out activities which I hope they have enjoyed.

I also have to complete a child study, so thank you to Harry's Mum and Dad for giving me permission to observe Harry during the term. I have two terms left to complete a physical activity of my choice.

I hope to gain further experience in a Nursery setting, which may help towards working in a home setting.

Lucy Cox

New arrivals

We have been delighted to welcome Scarlett Knight, Oliver's younger sister, for the last few weeks of term. Next term we look forward to Lucy Lodge's younger sister, Emily, joining us.

Happy Christmas

Major and Mrs Webb, Mrs Payne, Miss Clayton, Lucy and I would like to wish you all and safe and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs A Rees

Termly Calendar

<u>Spring Term 2009</u>		<u>Summer Term</u>	
5 January - 13 February	6 weeks	20 April - 22 May	5 weeks
14 February - 22 February	HALF TERM	23 May - 31 May	HA:LF TERM
23 February - 3 April	6 weeks	1 June - 17 July	7 weeks

Autumn Term 2009 starts on Wednesday 2nd September 2009 and ends on Friday 18th December