

# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

Another term has just flown by as we enter the build up to Christmas.

This term has seen a good balance between ensuring that teaching and learning is effective and providing extra curricular activities eg Children in Need, first pupil school newspaper.

Many thanks to all those parents/carers who completed Parent Satisfaction Surveys. Collated findings will be reported back to you in due course.

Attached are some Christmas dates for your information.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year.

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## Christmas Dinner



Wednesday, 16 December.

If your child is on packed lunch and you wish him/her to have a dinner, could you please send in £1.80 to cover the cost. Thank you.

## CHARITIES

### Children in Need

Thanks to a great deal of support from parents, staff and pupils, a total of £358.00 was raised for this worthwhile cause.



### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all those parents/carers who sent "shoe boxes" into school. In total we received 11 boxes as well as £22.00 to cover the administration costs.



### Breast Cancer Day

£94.55 was raised for this event. It was organised by a number of Year 11 girls.

Thank you to them.

### FIRST AID CLASS

First Aid is ideal for building self-awareness, self-esteem and inter personal skills. This class also provides the pupils with the confidence, knowledge and the ability to cope with difficult and real life situations.

Three pupils have achieved a certificate in Recovery Position and are ready to progress to the next level.

Well done - Mrs Sue Smith

## Carbonated/Fizzy Drinks

School does not allow any carbonated/fizzy drinks in school. Children are only allowed to bring still drinks or bottled water.



## WORK EXPERIENCE

9 November – 20 November

Year 11 completed a very successful work experience fortnight. They are well on their way to earning their Compact certificate.

Well done to all pupils.

## BANK VIEW'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

This year's Christmas musical is in aid of the charity "Shelter". We will be raising money with the following:

- pupil's can buy cakes on Monday, 14 Dec – 20p each
- non uniform day Wed, 16 Dec - £1.00 charge
- Christmas musical, Thurs, 17 Dec, starting at £1.30 pm – all parents/carers welcome
- Raffle to be drawn on Thurs, 17 Dec for Xmas cake and other prizes – 10p per ticket.

## CHRISTMAS BINGO EVENING

Last night we held a Christmas Bingo and raised a total of over £650 which goes towards buying prizes for the merit system.



Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and attended on the night and a big thank you to all who helped organise the event and for making it an enjoyable evening.

## PARENTS DROP-IN

A new service will be offered by school from January.

A monthly drop-in – the last Thursday of the month – for families to meet, have a coffee and gain support and information from specialist staff will start in January 2010.

Our first session will concentrate on Autistic Spectrum Condition and will be on Thursday, 28 January at 10.00 am in school. Future sessions will be planned depending on which areas parents and carers require support and on the results of parent satisfaction surveys.

Transport home will be provided if necessary, please phone 525 3451 so that we make arrangements for you.

Key Contacts –  
Claire Pattison (SENCO) and  
Jan Assheton (Mentor)

## Young Dada Festival 2009

Once a year our young people are invited to take part in a creative arts festival enabling them to demonstrate performing arts, art work and creative writing.

Bank View High pupils delivered an excellent performance of song and dance.

The judges reported that our pupils who use the stage name 'Just do it' were very professional and had improved greatly.

As for our pupils, the whole night was an electric experience, which I'm sure will be remembered for a long time.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

The pupils have been busy making Christmas cards, which will be on sale at the school concert on 17 December.



They are being sold for £1.00 each and all proceeds will go to school funds.

If you wish to purchase any cards but cannot attend the school concert then please send in the correct money with your child and we will send them home to you.

## Lost property

There are quite a number of school coats, jumpers etc here in the school, all with no name in.



Unfortunately, they cannot be traced back to the pupils.

We do stress that all pupils clothing etc should be clearly marked with their name.

## REMINDERS

Wed, 16 Dec - Christmas Lunch

Thurs, 17 Dec - Xmas Concert  
at 1.30 pm

Fri, 18 Dec - School closes at  
1.30pm

Mon, 4 Jan - INSET DAY

Tues, 5 Jan - School reopens  
at 8.50 am