



Headteacher: Mrs. Penny Millington

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We are challenged to:

- See God in everyone
- Experience the Christian way of life together
- Be the best learners we can be

**NEWSLETTER 6**  
School Year 2008/09



*It was lovely to see parents and other relatives at our Christingle services last week. I'm sure you'll agree that the children sang beautifully and it was particularly poignant when the sun shone through the stained glass windows as we reflected upon Jesus – the light of the world. Thank you for your generous gifts to the Children's Society. We hope that you will join the parish for the special festive service 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' at our parish church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00pm*

**WALKING BUS**

A parent has approached me who is interested in setting up a Walking Bus from Highfield Crescent and Great Parks Chapel area. Before we take the initiative any further, it is important that we gauge interest from those who might like to help with the Walking Bus or have children travelling from that area who might use it. I have attached a leaflet that provides more information about Walking Buses in general, how they are organised and the steps involved. Obviously the safety and well being of children who might make use of it are paramount. If interested, please complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return to the office **by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Our neighbourhood beat manager Graham Arkell is monitoring traffic movement along Blagdon Road and thank you for your continued consideration when dropping-off and picking-up your child/children from school. Again to ease traffic congestion, he has suggested that parents might get together to share lifts.

**CLUBS**

Both our new after school clubs - Tag Rugby and Multi-Skills - have been very popular this term and the children who have joined have thoroughly enjoyed them. We would like to extend Multi-Skills on Fridays to children in Y1 and Y2. Letters to book a course will come home with interested children shortly.

We are both relieved and delighted that Richard Bavister has offered to coach Y5/6 football on Friday after school and to arrange the fixtures as part of our continued participation in the Bewley Cup and Small Schools' League.

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

After much effort on the part of Philip Mantell and governors and a long wait as well as much fund raising by parents, we are delighted that the Community Room building project will begin on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009! Kendall Kingscott is the appointed firm of architects and the building company whose tender was successful is ROK. All necessary risk assessments are in the process of being completed to ensure that the project is managed safely at every stage with minimum disruption. The target date for completion is June 2009.

**NEW CARETAKER**

As you may be aware, we have been without a permanent caretaker since Maddo Painting moved onto peripatetic music teaching. Whilst Cleaning Services put in place temporary arrangements from September, they have now recruited a new caretaker – Michael Tabb- who is currently involved in the induction process in preparation for his new role.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY OVERLEAF**



**Delete as appropriate**

I am *interested/not interested* in my *child/children* using the Walking Bus to school from Highfield Crescent via Great Parks Chapel and Tweenaway Lights.

Child/children's name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Year group \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am *able/unable* to help with the Walking Bus on the days circled below

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

05/12/08 Christmas Fayre 2pm  
Father Christmas arriving at school at 1.45 pm  
09/12/08 KS1 Christmas Production 2pm School Hall  
11/12/08 KS1 Christmas Production 2pm School Hall  
14/12/08 Carols around the Christmas Tree—in Church 4.00pm  
16/12/08 Christmas Dinner for KS1—Letter to follow  
17/12/08 Christmas Dinner for KS2—Letter to follow  
18/12/08 Whole School Carol Service in the School Hall 2.15pm  
18/12/08 End of Term  
(School returns for the start of Spring Term 2009 on 05/01/09)

Yours sincerely

Penny Millington