



*Developing confident learners who thrive within  
a Christian ethos*

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**Newsletter 5**  
**October 2016**

**Harvest Tin Race**



569 tins  
**THANK-YOU**

**Quiz Night**

We raised a staggering £1,359.41 from the Quiz Night – Thank-you for your tremendous support in the fundraising event.

**Stibbington Residential**

Mrs Conway, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Newton and I shared a great three days away with Year 4. Pictures from the residential are on the school website on the Year 4 page – you are welcome to have a look.

**Year 4 Stibbington Residential Assembly to parents Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10am**

**REMINDER - Real Advent Calendars**

For the first time this year we are ordering real advent calendars.

24 chocolates and a Christmas Story Activity book for £3.99.

Final orders are being collected in the school office. We need all orders by 19<sup>th</sup> October (Payment on calendar collection).

**No Handchimes or Recorder club on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>/ Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**FINAL REMINDER - Secondary School Admissions – September 2016**

(Parents of children presently in Year 6)

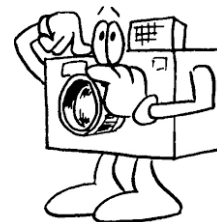
**You are reminded that all Secondary School Admission Applications must be completed by the national closing date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.**

**St Neots Learning Partnership (Secondary Schools) Open Evenings**

**Ernulf Academy – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 6pm – 8pm**

**Lomgsands Academy — Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 6pm – 8pm**

We strongly recommend that ALL Year 5 and 6 parents take up the opportunity to visit one or both secondary school Open Evenings.



**Individual and Family Group School Photographs**

On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016** the children will be photographed for family and individual photographs by the school photographer.

**Family groups**

At 9 o'clock if you wish to bring your pre-school child (toddlers and babies) to be photographed either in a family group or individually please come to the school office. You will be given a number and taken through to the dining room. (First come, first served). (Please ensure school children are registered in class.)

From about 9.30 am, all children with brothers and sisters in the school will be photographed in family groups. (This will be organised by the school office and you do not need to stay.)

## **Individual Photographs**

Following this, each child will be photographed individually.

Nursery children will be photographed in the morning or afternoon. (If your child does not normally attend Nursery on a Wednesday, you are welcome to bring them to the school office at 9 o'clock and they will be fitted in with the family groups at the start of the day.)

(Class Photographs will take place during the Summer Term.)

If you do not want to have your child photographed please contact the school in advance.

*You will receive a small proof photograph within about two weeks. There are a number of purchase options available to you.*

*The school receives commission for photographs purchased and this goes towards providing learning resources for the children.*

## **Staff Car Park**

Please do not use the staff car park without permission. The staff car park may be used by parents using Toasties Club before the start of the school day and after 4pm following clubs or Squirrels.

Nursery parents collecting or dropping off at 12 o'clock should find alternative car parking. Between 8.30am and 4pm, the Staff Car Park is for staff and visitors only.



## **Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal**

As in previous years, we will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Mrs Brenda Holden will be visiting the school next week to show the children pictures of her trip distributing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes in Bosnia.

If you wish to prepare a shoebox for donation, please look carefully at the leaflet to see what can be included in the boxes. (A copy of leaflet is available on the school website.)

Shoeboxes or shoebox donations can be brought into school after half term. The final date for Shoeboxes is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Operation Christmas Child website is:

[www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk)

## **Parents' Evening Invitation (Reception – Y6)**

Today, you should now have received your invitation to Parents' Evenings.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3.30-5.0pm and 6.0-8.0pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-5.30pm.

Please sign up on the class clipboards for a time or contact the school office.

## **REMINDER - Annual Data Collection and Permission Slips**

We have **18** data collection forms still outstanding. Please return your reviewed data collection and permission slips. Thank-you to parents who have already returned these forms which are essential information in school.

If you have not already return forms, please return them immediately so class information and medical documents can be updated.

*From Monday a list of names of outstanding forms will be put on the whiteboard of forms not received. We feel this annual data collection and permission slips is essential, therefore this list is not to embarrass parents, but is to ensure we have the correct documentation in place for the year.*

## **Nut Allergy**



**We have children in the school with a SEVERE NUT ALLERGY.** Their allergy is life-threatening if they are in contact with nuts and they require immediate medical treatment. Staff members have been appropriately trained and the child's medication is available in school at all times, if required.

We would, however, **STRONGLY** encourage all parents not to include peanuts, nuts or other nut products within their child's lunchbox or breacktime snack. **Even the smallest contact with a child who has eaten or touched nuts can cause a severe reaction.**