

Fund raising this term

Christmas 2009

Christmas at Walton Priory



The real spirit of Christmas was launched at Walton Priory in Tuesday night's Christmas Concert. The children's singing was superb and many of the audience were 'mouthing' the words of popular songs and carols along with the pupils.

There is always something special about children's voices heralding the festive season - it is reminiscent of Christmas' past and the joy it always brings.



My favourite item of the night was the choir singing the song 'Believe' from the film 'Polar Express' - their voices perfectly captured the nostalgic memories we all associate with Christmas but it was the words 'Believe in what you feel inside and give your dreams the wings to fly - You have everything you need if you just believe' that captured my (and the audience's) attention.

Perhaps something of the magic of Christmas lies in its capacity to release the feelings we all believe in - feelings of joy, of hope, of peace and the wish that Christmas may be seen as not just a day, an event to be observed and speedily forgotten but a spirit which should permeate every part of our lives.



On behalf of the whole school community of Walton Priory may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Mr M Pierzchalla

Head Teacher



Children don't come with an instruction manual !!

There are no hard and fast rules for raising children but it is surprising how many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions.

Triple P's easy to understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

If you would like support or details of courses starting in January 2010 please contact the school nurses:

Veronica Eardley on 07971317834 or 01785 811471 ext. 156

Lucy Jervis on: 07971308656



Raffle tickets are still on sale to win the signed Stoke City football shirt or signed football.

Children in Need



Friday 20th November was Children in Need day. This was a non-uniform day here at Walton Priory where the children could pay 50p for the privilege of wearing their own clothes. The amount raised was a fantastic £408.00. Well done to all the children!

Book Week

November 16th was the start of Book Week here at Walton Priory. A visit by children's author John Dougherty was a big success and many of the author's signed books were sold. We also had a dressing up assembly where you could come as a character from a book with prizes for the most original. The Book Fair itself arrived and was full of fabulous titles for everyone to buy. The whole week was really enjoyable and the children gained a great deal from discovering new books. A big thank you to everyone who helped out during the week.

**Can we just remind you that all school letters sent out with the children can also be found on our Website:
www.waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk**

Walton Priory Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was held here at Walton Priory on Sunday 29th November. A huge variety of stalls filled the hall including tombolas, raffles, homemade cakes, books and games the children had invented themselves; we even had a Dalek!

Thank you so much to the P.S.A., staff, parents and children who helped to make the Fair a success and to help us raise £1037.00 so far.



We would like to say a big thank you to every one who has sent in Supermarket Vouchers this year. Your generosity has enabled us to order lots of useful equipment for gardening, sports, materials for history and much more. We hope we can count on your support in the future.

E-Newsletter

This is going to be the last Newsletter to be produced on paper as it will now be available only on our **website**. However if you would still like to receive a paper copy please get in touch with us.

Attendance

We would like to say congratulations to the following pupils on 100% attendance during 2008 - 2009:

Benjamin Biddulph 7A

Benjamin Leaback 7S

Paige Cann 7S

Ewan McGranachan 6C

James Chambers 8H

Emily Pontin 7A

Jack Dale 8H

Mia Postlethwaite 7C

Jack Dunham 7C

Georgia Poulter 8H

Loren Halden 7C

Michael Rolfe 7D

James Hicks 8A

Samuel Welton 7C

Ryan Irving 7D

Chloe Key 6T

Rebecca Latham 6T

Well done all of you.

POETRY AT STONE LIBRARY

A poetry workshop is being held at Stone Library on Thursday 10th December and will be run by Tom Warner who is a new poet at Faber and Faber. The workshop is on from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and is FREE. No experience needed(!) To get your free ticket please contact Stone Library on **01785 354135**.



Late night opening at Walton Priory

At the start of the new term in January our Learning Resource Centre will be open on **Monday and Friday** evenings. Parents and children are welcome to come along and make use of our library and computers.

Parents, let your children show you what they do on the computers, perhaps have a lesson! or sit and read with them in quiet surroundings. Children, make use of the large desks for projects, homework etc.

The Learning Resource Centre will be open from 3.45 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

