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**Newsletter ~ Spring 2012 (1)**

**GUITAR LESSONS**

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a good holiday with your children and are fit for the term ahead.

**SHELTER COLLECTION**

Thank you all very much for your generosity at our Christmas Service last term. We raised £90 for SHELTER which I know was really appreciated.

**THIS TERM'S TOPIC**

I am sure the children have already told you that this term we are exploring Space. I am hoping this will be an exciting area to study and hope that you will help as much as you can with their work. If you are going to Bristol, the centre "@ Bristol" is fantastic as they have a planetarium there. Libraries will also have good information as well as many safe sites on the Internet. We will be launching into the work soon and have an indoor planetarium for a day on 25<sup>th</sup> January which will fill the hall so I hope that sets them off into their journey into space.

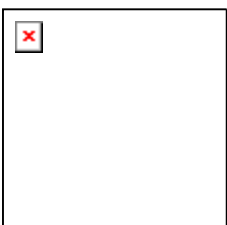
We now have secured a new guitar teacher who is happy to come here for lessons. If your child is interested please come to the office and we can give you more details. I have had very good recommendations from Mr. Goodman's present school.

**ATTENDANCE**

I feel compelled to remind you about the importance of your child's attendance at the beginning of the year as I have had our annual data from the Government and our pupil absentee figure is well above the National Average. This can trigger an Ofsted inspection if they think our attendance is poor. Obviously we do not want sick children in school but can I please urge you to consider when you have your holidays and look at how often your child misses school and why. I appreciate that it is cheaper in term time but it is also disruptive for your child to be out of class for any period.

**YEAR 3/4 TRIP TO GREATWOOD**

Can I remind all parents from Years 3 and 4 that the consent forms and deposit should be in by now. It is not too late to commit to this residential but we do need



firm figures to give to Kilve now. If you have already replied you are welcome to pay in instalments from now. Please get a card from the office. Thank you.

### REPORTS

I hope you remember that I outlined a new annual report cycle for the year which entailed having reports for your child at the end of this term and an open evening at the end of the Summer Term. You will receive a written report at the end of March stating how your child has progressed, their attitude to learning and where the class teacher hopes they will be by the end of the year.

### PE KIT

Please, please make sure the all PE kits are sent in tomorrow and are only taken home to be washed at the end of every week. Also please label every item clearly with your child's name. Thank you.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY & CLUBS

The dates for the term and a new club list will be out by Friday this week and clubs will start on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. If you would like to offer to help in a club or have a skill and would like to take a club yourself (with help!) please come and see me. Thank you.

### SWIMMING

Sapphire Class's last swim takes place next Thursday (12<sup>th</sup> January) and Ruby Class will be starting on 19<sup>th</sup> January. The children in Ruby Class will be receiving a separate letter shortly.

### LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

I am very pleased to say that we now have a replacement for Pauline Ellis. I welcome Anne-Marie Couavoux (Alexander & Ethan's Mother) on board and she will be working for 2 days a week.

### ASSEMBLY AND CAKE RAFFLE

There will not be a Praise Assembly this week as it is only 3 days so next Friday (13<sup>th</sup> January) will be the first one you are welcome to come to.

We are going to continue with the cake raffle this term and as usual would like all the wonderful cake makers to volunteer their services again! There is a list in the office for you to fill in a suitable date. There will not be a cake this week. Thank you very much.

Finally if any of you have spare colouring books/annuals and pens or pencils for playtime use I would be very grateful. Our last set of donated materials is now running out! Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher