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**Newsletter ~ Autumn 2011 (7)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope you all had a peaceful half term. There are a few important notices today along with dates for the rest of the term so make sure you have your diaries ready.

**3 PIECE SUITE FOR SALE**

We have a very good 3 piece suite for sale which belongs to Chris Delahay. If you are interested it is in the Green Room which is next to Emerald Class so feel free to go and have a look. The asking price is £90.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Please don't forget your decorated and filled boxes for this excellent charity. They have to be in school by **18<sup>th</sup> November**.

**POPPIES**

It is the time for giving this term and Remembrance Day must not be forgotten. We have a box for our pennies and there will be an opportunity every day for the children to put some money in it for a poppy. Any amount is acceptable and I hope you'll agree it is for a very good cause.

**CLUBS**

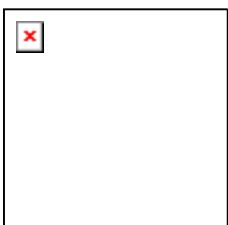
There will be **NO** clubs on Tuesday and Wednesday this week due to Parents' Evening and there will also be **NO art club** on Thursday. Otherwise clubs will be as normal.

**HELP NEEDED!**

We have 2 small sheds which need putting up for all the boots from Topaz and Ruby classes. Mr Mewett has kindly offered his services for any Saturday afternoon and would really appreciate at least another 2 helpers to make the job easier. Please see Mrs Mewett if you can help. Thank you.

**SHOP TO FUNDRAISE**

We have just received our first commission payment from the Edupayment site which some of you have obviously been using. Thank you very much if you have. If you have no idea what I am talking about please read on! Shop to fundraise gives commission on every order you make on line with many companies and it is very simple. If you go on their website [www.edupayment.co.uk](http://www.edupayment.co.uk) or



[www.shop2fundraise.co.uk](http://www.shop2fundraise.co.uk) you will see what I mean. Big companies will give a small percentage of your order to the school and then we receive cheques for this commission. It could be a great fundraiser especially coming up to Christmas.

### DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

3 <sup>rd</sup> November	3.30pm	Kilve Court presentation for Year 6 parents
9 <sup>th</sup> November	7pm	Parent Evening on ICT developments and Reading
10 <sup>th</sup> November		Bishop of Taunton visits Henstridge: Our choir to sing
16 <sup>th</sup> November		House Talent Competition
18 <sup>th</sup> November		Children in Need Day
21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> November		BOOK WEEK & BOOK FAIR Visit by the Nigerian delegates
24 <sup>th</sup> November		Puppet person to work with 4 classes
28 <sup>th</sup> November		Story Box Theatre performance for the whole school
8 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm		Infant play
9 <sup>th</sup> December @ 3.30pm		SCHOOL XMAS BAZAAR
12 <sup>TH</sup> December		BINGO at the Sports club (details to follow)
15 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas parties
16 <sup>th</sup> December		Carols & Commendations in Church @ 1.30pm. Break up!

### NIGERIA

I had the most amazing time in Nigeria and met the friendliest and welcoming people I have ever come across. We are now officially linked with a school called Gwagwarwa which is just outside the centre of the city of Kano where I was staying. It has 2,942 pupils who attend every day in 2 sessions. The poverty is in places extreme and my eyes were opened to their environment and I wondered at their ability to remain so positive. Their 3 delegates are coming over on 17<sup>th</sup> November and will be visiting our school the following week. I do not know the exact date as yet. I would love to give them a similar welcome and I hope we can come up with something to make their stay memorable. There is a display of artefacts and pictures in the hall if you would like to see more of this visit. I was given so many gifts there is not enough space for all of them but you will get a good flavour of the people and the environment. Do come and see me if you would like to join a welcoming committee to help organise what to do on the week of 21<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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