

19th December 2008

Dear Parents

This is the last newsletter of the year and, obviously, before we break up for the Christmas holiday. As usual the year seems to have flown by. All in all it has been another successful year for the school. It has brought new staff, new resources and yet more new initiatives from the government.

I want to thank all the children for their continuing hard work and achievement, and thanks also to all the teachers and support staff for their devotion and care. This is what makes a good school and we are able to show it in bucket loads. Finally, I would like to thank you – all the parents and carers – for your support and encouragement, and for working with us to give all your children the best. I wish you all a very happy, joyous, peaceful Christmas holiday and I look forward to continuing success for you and the school in 2009.

KEY STAGE 2 CONCERTS

The Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts took place last week in St Gregory's Church. It was a great opportunity to show off and celebrate the wide range of music that is enjoyed by the children. The singing was excellent. We saw the children playing ukuleles, handbells, samba drums, percussion instruments and a variety of musical instruments in the folkband – all played with confidence and concentration. The concert was a great success. Well done to all and thank you to all parents who attended or took time to get your child to these events.

£297.60 was collected at the door. The total amount raised at the carol concerts and nativity plays was £630.10, therefore a cheque for £315.00 has been sent to CLIC Sargent. Thank you for your support.

HERITAGE BANNERS

I was very pleased to be given a copy of the banners that the children designed for the town. These will be hung in our school hall. I was also pleased to watch a film produced by the Jurassic Heritage Coast team about the views of young people growing up on the heritage coast. The views of Year 6 children at Seaton Primary School were prominent in this and I have asked for a copy to put on our website. Once again, I was very proud to see and hear our children making an impact on an international audience.

2009 – WHAT NEXT . . ?

The school's development plan for next year has the following aims:

To raise standards in writing

To develop the Foundation Stage playground, fitting a canopy to provide a covered outside area

To gain national standard marks for ICT and Eco-school

To extend the use of ICT across the curriculum

To review school information systems

To continue to push for Stage 2 building development – four new classrooms and a sports hall.

To move back to having two classes in every year group from September 2009.

If there is something you believe the school should be doing to improve the work we do, please write and tell me. There will be a parent satisfaction questionnaire sent out in January and I hope that you will use this as a means of letting me know about the school and its development. It is my hope that we can move from 'good' to 'outstanding' in all categories at our next Ofsted inspection.

Yours sincerely

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