

9<sup>th</sup> December 2011

# PLYMOUTH COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADMASTER



### Year 3 & 4 Concert

Well done to all who were involved in a splendid Year 3 & 4 concert on Monday evening. I am sure you will agree with me that the children were magnificent and a most enjoyable hour was had by all.

### Year 5 & 6 Christmas Production



The Dress Rehearsal for this event will be on Tuesday. The children should bring their costumes in a marked bag. All parents should have received a letter for tickets and should have let us know their requirements. If you have not received a letter, please ask at Reception. There will be another sheet coming out next week for details of the arrangements for the actual evenings of the play. Tickets will be distributed on Monday. We look forward to two most enjoyable occasions.

### Kindergarten Nativity



Parents, Grandparents and any other guests are warmly invited to attend 'Whoops-a-daisy Angel' on Monday morning, 12<sup>th</sup> December, at 9.30am. The more the merrier! Mrs Newcombe asks if you could please bring your child to the Kindergarten classroom for 8.30am, and join us for refreshments in the Conference Room. You will be called to the Chapel as soon as the 'Actors' are ready for you!

### Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who attended the Carol Service at St Andrew's yesterday, and to all the children who performed so well.

### Ice Skating



Once again we are grateful to Mr Wynne who has been able to arrange some ice-skating for our pupils. We will be taking Year 6 and Year 2 for a skate on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am. Parents should have received a letter about this.

### Millfields Carol Concert

Parents of pupils in Years 4 – 6 who are in the Choir, should have received a letter about the Millfields Carol Concert which is at 6.00pm on the final evening of term. I am sure this will prove a most enjoyable event and I hope that most pupils will be able to attend with their families.

### End of Term

We look forward to a very happy and final day of the Christmas term. As usual there will be discos for Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6. Pupils are invited to bring casual clothes to change into for the discos and some pocket money to buy treats.

### Molly and Megan Shorey

Many thanks to all who sponsored Molly and Megan Shorey who ran the Santa Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice in support of their friend Belen.

## COMMUNITY AWARDS

This week the Community Awards were given to:

Rec: Hiya Ray for having a positive attitude to school and Molly Shorey for her contribution to charitable work

Year 1: George Wells for being kind and sharing

Year 2: Teddy Haffenden for courtesy and helpfulness

Year 3: Safiyyah Rujak for helpful and polite behaviour and Megan Shorey for her contribution to charitable work

Year 4: Evie Gerson for a kind and cheerful attitude

Year 5: Issey Charlesworth for helpful and encouraging behaviour

Year 6: Jocelyn Wannell for helping at the Years 3 & 4 concert

## HEADMASTER'S COMMENDATIONS



George Willden in 2AP for earning 10 House Points

Safiyyah Rujak in 3PA for reading 40 books

Jessica Maxwell in 3PA for reading 20 books

Hemish Mahajan in 3PA for earning 20 House Points

Katie Treharne in 2JM for earning 20 House Points

Teddy Haffenden in 2JM for earning 20 House Points

Joanna Sells in 2JM for earning 20 House Points

Amerin Fewings in 3NA for earning 20 House Points

Tom Davis in 3NA for earning 20 House Points

Isabelle Tanner in 3NA for earning 20 House Points

Phoebe Burrige in 3NA for earning 20 House Points

Ben Zickert in 3NA for earning 20 House Points

Ella Clarke in 3NA for earning 20 House Points

Matthew Burrows in 3NA for earning 20 House Points

Ella Kelley in 3NA for reading 20 books

Georgia Trathen in 3NA for reading 20 books

Ben Zickert in 3NA for reading 40 books

Matthew Burrows in 3NA for reading 40 books

Isabelle Tanner in 3NA for reading 40 books

Tom Davis in 3NA for reading 40 books

Ella Clarke in 3NA for reading 40 books

Megan Shorey in 3NA for reading 40 books

Jade Wenham-Crossley in 3NA for reading 40 books

Joshua Browning in 3NA for reading 20 books

Freddie Postle-Hacon in 3NA for reading 20 books

Rebecca Eadie in 3PA for reading 40 books

## FRIENDS' DIARY



There are only 3 days left to order your DVDs of the Kindergarten and Junior Department Christmas Productions! Please ensure that you return your order form and payment to Reception by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December so that we can deliver your DVDs before the end of term!

Hopefully you have all received your Christmas cards which your child has designed. The PFA would like to say a HUGE thank you to Sarah for single-handedly organising and distributing the cards. It is a mammoth task for one person and much appreciated!!



Our final event of the term will be the Junior discos; during which we will be selling refreshments from The Plymouth Rock Cafe. The children can wear their home clothes for the event but must arrive at school in their school uniforms. Our resident Disco Dude, 'Jazzy Jools' will be getting the party swingin'!

Please note that the last committee meeting of the term is at 2.30pm on Monday and not 9am as stated in last week's newsletter.

### Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Committee Meeting at 2.30pm – 3.15pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:**–

Taking the trimmings down at 9.00am – 10.30am

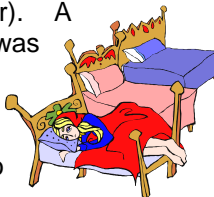
Yr 3 & 4 Disco at 1.45pm-3.00pm:

Yr 5 & 6 Disco at 3.00pm-4.15pm:

## OTHER ITEMS



The Years 3 & 4 held their Concerts – 'The Grumpy Sheep' and 'Goldilocks' – in the School Chapel on Monday evening (5<sup>th</sup> December). A retiring collection was made in aid of the 'Families for Children' charity and they raised £174.33. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



## Speech & Drama

Lessons with Mrs Pick have now finished for this term and are due to recommence on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Several LAMDA examination consent slips and cheques are still outstanding in respect of the LAMDA examinations in March. If you have not yet returned your application, please ensure they are passed to Mrs Pick, via the Reception Desk, before the end of term.

## Lost Property

Taylor Ashby in 6CG has lost her black shower-proof black jacket, which is named. Could parents please check to see whether their child has brought home the wrong coat. Thank you.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND FIXTURES

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Kindergarten Nativity in the Chapel	9.30am
Choir singing in Care Homes	All day
'Wishy Washy' the Children's Entertainer to perform his magic acts for the Infant Department	10.45am



### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Reception classes to Pennywell Farm	All day
Dress Rehearsal of Annabella	AM only
Year 2 to Theatre Royal to see 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'	1.30pm

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1 to Theatre Royal to see 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'	1.30pm
Yrs 5 & 6 production of Annabella - Performance	5.30pm

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Yrs 2 & 6 Skating on Ice Rink in the City Centre	AM only
School Christmas Lunch starting at	11.45am
Yrs 5 & 6 production of Annabella - Performance	5.30pm

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Final Celebration Assembly for this term in the School Chapel	9.00am
Friends' End of Term Discos:	

Years 3 & 4 - 1.45 – 3.00pm

Years 5 & 6 - 3.00 – 4.15pm

**LAST DAY OF TERM** – Normal hours except for Years 5 & 6 who are at school disco until 4.15pm.

### End of Term Buses

As usual the buses on the last day of term (16<sup>th</sup> December) will be leaving the Senior School at Ford Park at 12.30pm instead of 5.00pm.

The connecting shuttle bus will therefore need to leave the Millfields site at 12.00pm.

Can we please ask you to contact Miss Warne to let her know your requirements – whether or not you wish your child to travel on the school bus at the earlier time. Please telephone 01752 201354.

### SCHOOL SHOP OPENING TIMES

The School Shop will be open during the Christmas/New Year holidays at the following times:

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am – 1.00pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – 10.00am – 2.00pm

The Swap Shop is open during Term Time only on Tuesday afternoons between 1.00pm & 4.00pm

The opening times are also posted onto the intranet page; [www.plymouthcollege.net](http://www.plymouthcollege.net) then follow the link to the College Shop.

## SCHOOL COMMS

Some of you will already be aware that the school is now able to use a 'Schools Comms' system that allows us to notify all parents of events, sporting fixtures and other such items by email or text message. We have tried this method on a few occasions and have had some messages returned because the address is incorrect. Could I therefore ask **all** parents to complete the slip below with your email addresses (accurately written in relevant upper or lower case letters) and your current mobile number for future use. Please return this portion of the newsletter to the School Reception Desk. The email will automatically send to the priority 1 contact, so please state the order of priority you wish the emails to be sent to. If you have any queries regarding School Comms, please contact Mr Gatherer via the school office. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Priority \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Priority \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

