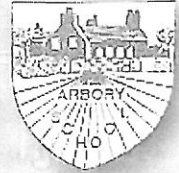


Arbory News



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Dates



Concerts

KS1 A Midwife Crisis
Y5/6 Jack and the Beanstalk

10th Dec KS1 6.30pm
11th Dec KS1 10am
11th Dec Y5/6 6.30pm
12th Dec Y5/6 6.30pm

Parties

Reception and KS1
Tuesday 17th December

KS2 Disco (2pm)
Wednesday 18th December

20th Dec Carol Service Y3/4
School Closes

School opens
Monday 6th January

5th December 2013

Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given the school throughout 2013 in many different ways. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please take a moment to read the information in this month's newsletter.

Fundraising

Thanks to all who supported the children at the Harvest Festival. The retiring collection for Tear Fund came to £127.18 which was sent to them for their work in helping disadvantaged people around the world.

The School Ceili also raised a remarkable £439.08 which has been sent to the Children in Need appeal.

The Poppy Appeal also raised £95.40 which was once again a commendable sum.

Basketball Post

In order for the KS2 children to have more to enjoy at playtimes, we have decided to buy some outdoor basketball hoops for the playground. We are very grateful to Mr Bass and Conister Bank for contributing £570 towards the cost.

Sports Kit

Tower Insurance are sponsoring new tracksuits for KS2 children who take part in the school's sports teams. A big thank you from all our sports enthusiasts goes to them for their generous donation of £600.

Craig's Heartstrong

Due to the efforts of local people in raising money in a variety of ways, all schools are being provided with a defibrillator. Ours has now arrived and we are grateful to Paula Lunt and the charity for sending one to us. After Christmas we will have the first member of staff trained in the use of the defibrillator.

Glee / Save the Children

Members of the choir had a wonderful opportunity recently as they took part in the Glee performance at the Gaiety Theatre. The children did the school proud both with their performance and with their good behaviour. Braddan School took part with us and we all agreed that it was an event that the children would remember for a long time.

Soon after the Glee performance, the choir were in action again at Port Erin Methodist Hall where they sang at the Save the Children event. Our thanks goes to Mrs Young and Mrs Kinley for working with the choir to enable them to achieve such high standards of performance.

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Christmas Fair

The Friends of Arbory, led by Mrs. Jenkins provided us with an excellent Christmas Craft Fair. The children enjoyed the many activities laid on and it was good to see so many people supporting the event.

The school staff gave up their time to help run stalls and it was lovely to see our school families enjoying what was both a sociable and profitable evening.

I am pleased to tell you that the fair raised £1,207.30. A big thank you to Friends Provident in Castletown who donated £200 towards the fair and to their staff volunteers who also gave up their time to help. In addition, there is the possibility that Barclays Bank will also donate £750 as part of its pound for pound scheme which is open to employees.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking all those involved and especially Mrs Jenkins for all her efforts in organising the event.

Raffle

There are still some unclaimed raffle prizes that can be collected from the school office.

Orange - 164 (AA244641)

Green - 90 (AA253220)

Pink - 471 (AA252827)

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Concert DVDs

Copies of the DVD will be available for £11 (subsequent copies £9).

Orders must be returned to the school office by **Thursday 12th December** after the Y5/6 performance at the latest. This will enable the copies to be returned to you before the Christmas Break.

Parties

This year the school will be providing the food for the Christmas parties and staff are making arrangements for this in the separate Key Stages. Reception and Key Stage 1 staff have already contacted parents about the arrangements. KS2 children will be having hotdogs and snacks at their disco party.

Dinner money for the Spring Term 2014

£10 weekly

1st Half-Term - £60.00

2nd Half-Term - £70.00

Whole Term - £130.00

Milk and Fruit money for the Spring Term 2014

Milk £12.35, Fruit £16.25 slips need to be returned **before the 16 December 2013**.

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