

St Mary the Virgin CE Primary School Newsletter



14 December 2007

Dear Parents and Governors,

Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Bazaar, on Saturday, such a success. The PTA worked so hard and put on a wonderful event, which I am sure everyone enjoyed – I certainly did!

There are a few things that have been left after the bazaar, possibly bought and stored, to be collected at the end and then forgotten. Please claim them.

Fire Service Visit

An officer from the fire service talked to the children on Tuesday. She commented on how well the children listened and contributed to the discussions. The children are now even more aware of the risks of fire and are safety conscious.

Starfish Malawi

On Wednesday, Chris Knott, from the charity Starfish Malawi, showed the children a film of the schools in Malawi and all the children in their lessons – 100 in a class is quite normal! We have been linked with Kajendere Primary School in Malawi and will be supporting them through the year. Do have a look at the Starfish Malawi web site at www.starfish-malawi.org.uk.

Mountain Rescue

As a finale to the 'Into the Unknown' learning journey, which Beech and Lilac have been following, the children took part in a 'mountain' rescue, at Hindleap Warren. The year sixes had planned where they were to stage an accident by studying the map of the area. Before everyone else arrived, the year sixes and four 'light-weight' year fours, (the casualties) set off to their chosen site. When the message came that someone was in trouble, the rescue teams had to jump into action and search the woods. When the victims were found, the teams had to decide how to transport them back to base. Stretchers were improvised, first

aid was administered and the teams had to face the challenge of carrying the casualty.



Everyone was successful in safely bringing the victims back to base.

This was an exercise that used many of the skills that the children had learnt throughout the term and was great fun.

Christmas Post

The post box will be open for business, next week. Please write both names on the envelopes as well as the class. The year 6 pupils will deliver the cards daily.

Nativity Play

The infants have been busy rehearsing for the nativity play and all is nearly ready. On Monday they will be doing a dress rehearsal, with Hartfield Playschool and Saxby's Playschool watching.

Performances for parents, grandparents and friends will be on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December at 10:00am.

Everyone is very welcome.

Christmas Carol Service.

The Carol Service is on Thursday 20th at 6:00pm. The crèche will be held in Maple class from 5:45pm. Hot drinks and mince pies will be served after the service. All children should wear school uniform as they will be performing in the service.

See you there.

Pam Edwards, Headteacher