



# GUYHIRN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## December 2009

### DIARY DATES

- 4/12/09 — Christingle Service  
8/12/09 — Dress Rehearsal for  
Christmas play at 1.30pm  
09/12/09 & 10/12/09 - at 6.30pm  
Christmas Performances  
11/12/09 —Pyjama Day  
11/12/09 — Christmas Bingo 4.30pm  
15/12/09 — Christmas Dinner  
16/12/09 — Pantomime  
16/12/09 — Christmas Party  
17/12/09 — Carol Service and last day  
of term

Autumn Term Closes Thursday 17th  
December.

Staff Training Day Friday 18th  
December

### 2010

Staff Training Day Monday 4th January

CHILDREN RETURN  
TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY



Yes it's that time of year again!! So the following events will be taking place as part of our Christmas celebrations.

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

A service will take place at 10.30am on Thursday 4th December, in the school hall. All parents are welcome.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY 8/9/10TH DECEMBER

Attached is a letter regarding our play for this year.

### CHRISTMAS BINGO 11TH DECEMBER

This year the FRoGS will be running a Christmas Bingo held @ 4.30pm on Friday 11th December. A note is attached. Please do support us as money raised will be used to purchase new equipment for the children.

### PYJAMA DAY 11th DECEMBER

Dear Parents

The school council wrote a questionnaire and we found out that the children wanted to have a pyjama day. We would like your child to bring from 50p up to £1 so we can raise money to buy some more dinner time and playtime toys for the school. They can bring slippers to wear in school and normal shoes to wear outside. Please still remember to bring your coats. If you do not want your child to come in their pyjamas they will have to come in their school uniform. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Amy Cawley — Chair person of the School Council

Jessica Goode — Secretary of the School Council

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

This takes place on Tuesday 15th December.

### PANTOMIME!

As a special treat the children will be going to the Beauty and the Beast Pantomime on 16th December at the Cresset in Peterborough. The school will be paying for this as a treat for the children.

Once the children have returned they will have their lunch as normal followed by their Christmas Party that afternoon. They must wear school uniform to the pantomime please, but can bring their party clothes to change into. Please can they be in a named plastic carrier bag. Thank you. On the day of the pantomime the coach will collect the children promptly at 8.50am so please ensure your child is at school by 8.40am in their school uniform so that we can leave promptly on time. This is a very exciting day for the children and a fantastic reward to say well done to them for working so hard. Please complete the attached slip and return to school by Tuesday 8th December.



### CHRISTMAS SERVICE 17th DECEMBER

We will be having a joint Christmas Service (followed by a playtime) at Wisbech St Mary Church with Wisbech St Mary School at 9.45am. All

parents are most welcome.

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST DAY OF TERM AS STAFF HAVE A TRAINING DAY ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER SO SCHOOL IS CLOSED THAT DAY.**

### ADVERSE WEATHER

Should it be necessary to close the school at short notice due to adverse weather, please can I ask that you listen to Hereward Radio on FM102.7 or Fen Radio on FM107.5 or parents can also contact the following radio stations who will broadcast emergency closures.

Fen Radio—01945 467107

Hereward Radio—01733 281400

Lite Radio—01733 898106

Newsline Direct—01733 704113

Please can I ask you to bear in mind that the majority of my staff have quite a distance to travel, so decisions have to be made in relation to staff travel as well as pupil travel to school.

Thank you for your support in this matter, I am sure you will appreciate a decision is often needed to be made by 7.30 a.m. and as you are aware, the weather can change in a very short space of time.

If on the occasion that the school needs to be closed before the end of the day, as the weather deteriorates rapidly, the school will contact all parents and I would ask that you collect the children as soon as possible, so that staff can also get home safely and quickly.

Please can you ensure therefore, that all your contact numbers are up to date in the school office. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter. Please ensure on bad weather days your radios are tuned in!!!

Thank you.

### CAROL SERVICE

A special village service is being held at our village hall on Friday 20th December at 3pm. Fliers have been distributed. Please support this local event, everyone is most welcome.

## CLUBS

All clubs will be finishing this week.

Information about clubs for the Spring Term will be sent out next term.

## CHILDMINDERS

The National Childminding Association has asked me to inform you that Guyhirn needs more registered childminders. At present Mrs Stebbings is the only one registered in this area. If you enjoy working with children and are looking for work that fits in around your own family, perhaps becoming a Registered Childminder is the answer. There is an opportunity to study for a level 3 Qualification and you will receive support and advice from the National Childminding Association.

For further information please contact Kerrie Johnstone on 01733 351768 or e-mail [Kerrie.johnstone@ncma.org.uk](mailto:Kerrie.johnstone@ncma.org.uk)

## ABSENCES

Please can the office remind you that if your child is absent from school or pre-school, the school office needs to be informed on the first morning of absence. If the office does not hear from you they will contact you so that your child's absence can be explained.

Our attendance target for this year in accordance with Government policy is 95%. We are grateful for your ongoing support.

## STAFF

Mrs Wilcher will sadly not be returning before the end of the school year. I would like to thank Mrs Wilcher for her hard work and commitment she has given to the school over the past 2 years and I know she will be missed. On behalf of you all I wish Mrs Wilcher well for the future.

We have shortlisted for the Lions Class teacher and for the maternity cover for Miss Shuttleworth. We will be interviewing on Monday 7th December and will inform you once new appointments have been made.

## RETIREMENT

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mrs Wallis who is retiring at the end of term. Mrs Wallis is a very caring and special person who has been at our school for 20 years and in that time has shown a great deal of loyalty and support.

She will be greatly missed by all staff and children. We will be celebrating Mrs Wallis's time with us at school throughout the last week of term.

On behalf of all staff, pupils and governors that we all wish Anne all the best in her retirement, thank her for all her hard work over many years, especially relating to our status as an Eco school, and extend our invite that I am sure she knows that she will always be welcome at Guyhirn School anytime.

If anyone would like to contribute to the collections for Mrs Wilcher and Mrs Wallis please place your donation in a named envelope and hand it in to the school office.

Thank you

Finally I would like to thank all my dedicated and hardworking staff – they have all taken on additional duties and Responsibilities this term and really proved to be a wonderful team.

I would also like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and my best wishes for a very happy 2010.

Thank you as always for your support.

Mrs Justine Sands  
Head teacher

