



Ruishton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 6
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NEXT LETTER
DUE THE
FIRST WEEK
OF JANUARY

Dear Parents and Friends

Milk forms are being sent out with this letter. Please respond promptly if you wish to take up the offer, as we need to make sure orders are ready for next term. Free milk is available only to any child who is not yet 5 years old. After that you can continue with subsidised milk. Please do not send forms to school. There is a website on which you can register, and they have provided a telephone number.

The school **website** is in production at the moment and is looking good! I propose to put all future newsletters on this and NOT send them out on paper. This will save us a lot of money and time, and give us a wider audience, such as grandparents etc. If you require a paper copy please let me know. Certain documents such as the holiday form requests, calendar etc will be on there as well. We have not included in photographs those children whose parents specifically requested it, although I have had some interesting replies back on the reply slips and I am not sure what one or two of them say! No child can be identified from any photograph.

The **Schoolwear Centre** on East Reach can sew the school logo on to clothing for £2 apparently, which widens your choice of suppliers.

As a school we have **Healthy School Status**, which is very important to us, and as yet this has not affected the contents of lunch boxes. It is not my intention to interfere, but we seem to be getting a lot of chocolate bars and sweets coming in, which could lose us the status. We are also actively looking at the provision of hot meals from next September which of course would have to follow healthy food guidelines. Perhaps it is a sign of the times but at dinnertime we are having some issues with table manners from a small number of children. A few seem incapable of sitting in one place, eating politely and keeping their food on the table. It is a constant struggle with some of them and is making dinnertime difficult for staff and other children. Could I please ask that we all work together to reinforce table manners. Sorry, I know it's a moan, but I'd be happy to show you round at dinnertime.

The next letter will be in January, so I look forward to seeing you at the fair, the concerts and the carol service. Have a lovely Christmas with your children and family, and many thanks to those who work hard voluntarily in school, on the PTA, Governors etc. A special thanks to my colleagues, and a Happy Christmas to all our children.

Dec 12 th	Christmas Production in the afternoon and evening
Dec 13 th	Christmas Production in the evening
Dec 14 th	"A Christmas Carol" for classes 3, 4 and 5 at the Brewhouse Theatre.
Dec 16 th	Candlelight Carol service at church led by year 6 at 6.30pm
Dec 17 th	School service at church led by year 6 at 9.45am
Dec 20 th	School Parties...keep an eye out for notices from each class

Neil Dalton