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Ruishton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 4

Dec 8th 2009

Dear Parents,

I'll do my Ebenezer Scrooge bit first. Please make sure that signed cheques or money for **school dinners** are placed with the named slip in a sealed envelope. Please write your child's name and class on the outside of the envelope. The school dinner providers do all the administration but unless we send in accurately named menu slips and payment your child may not receive a meal. I know it sounds minor but it happens regularly and often we have children who are not registered for a meal, and yet need feeding.

Similarly we have come across many **addresses** and particularly **telephone numbers** which are wrong. Data sheets will come out in the new term but please make sure that if you have any changes please tell us. We take the data sheets to hospital if your child has an accident so the correct information is vital.

That's Ebenezer finished with, and back to the True Spirit of Christmas.

Welcome to Anne Blannin who has taken over from Debbie Finely as SENCO whilst on maternity leave.

A brilliant **Christmas fair**... thank you to the PTA and all those who helped. I don't know how much was raised but it was a lovely evening. In response to questions about the allocation of tickets for the **Christmas Productions** we only initially offer two per family because of fire regulations limiting the numbers to 160. The matinee performance does not require tickets, and we request that if you have young babies they are brought to that one. The **collection** from the school concerts this year will go to CRY... a Christian charity dedicated to caring for disadvantaged, destitute and suffering children, young people and their families. Please come along to either of the **carol services**, for which no tickets are required. The evening one will be candlelit and will have a mixture of children's carols and traditional ones.

Finally we have a little enterprise unit called **Ruishton Oak** and this year we plan to do something different to previous years. Essentially we plan to act as a collection point for tools (gardening, woodwork, metalwork etc) and send them to a refurbishment centre for Africa. However, in order to learn some financial skills, we will refurbish and sell the smaller hand tools ourselves. The money raised will go to the same cause. I will give Ruishton Oak £20 for materials to start them off. We will send another letter out next term but if you have any old hand tools (not electrical) please send them to us and we can put them to good use immediately.

Dec 11 th	School Carol Service 10.00am in Church
Dec 13 th	Candlelight Carol service in Church at 6.30pm
Dec 15 th	Christmas Production (1.30pm and 7.00pm)
Dec 16 th	Christmas Production at 7.00pm
Dec 17 th	School Parties
Dec 18 th	Last day of term (<u>No Breakfast Club</u>)
Jan 4 th	New term starts