



Christmas is coming



Welcome to the second edition of our school newspaper. Our Press Pack have been hard at work on the trail of news and events in our busy corner of Nottinghamshire.

The academic year has got off to a lively and successful start, good results on the sports field (details in the Sports Section) and a delightful Harvest Service in church.

Thank you for your support with our **Aquabox campaign**. Two members of the organisation responsible for distributing the boxes joined us for assembly, thanked the children and explained how our box would be used.

We also had an assembly talk on the **FAIRTRADE movement** by Jayne Dakin (parent of Romy who went on to Loughborough Girls' High School in 2007). She spoke with great enthusiasm on the subject and invited us to consider becoming a "Fair Trade School".



Now the darker evenings have arrived, we will be having a visit from our local policewoman. She will talk to the children about personal safety and "stranger danger".

As you all know by now, Mrs Holland is at home with her "feet up" awaiting the happy event. News to follow! Mrs Heidi Blyth has joined the staff and will be taking over Mrs Holland's duties. Parents of J2 children are invited to pop in to meet her during the next few days. Ruth O'Dell, who has been a member of staff since 2000 is leaving at the end of term. Ruth has taught both Infants and Juniors during her time with us and feels she wants a change. Everyone at school wishes her well in her new ventures.

Our experiences of the performing arts will certainly be enhanced during this half-term. This week Years 5 & 6 went off to the theatre to take part in a workshop and enjoy a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. We have two travelling plays coming to us in December to perform to the Infants and Nursery – The Elves and the Shoemaker, and then to the Juniors – Can You Whistle Johanna? (Details in the notice board).

Christmas is a special time in our village school and details about our school celebrations can be found on the inside page. This year is special in particular because we shall be wishing Carol Fletcher a "happy retirement" and celebrating the highly valued contribution she has made to the educational welfare and well being of hundreds of children in our school over the past 22 years! Two "mums' event" for Carol are planned for the 5th and 12th of December offering you a choice of dates. Details are in the School Notice board.

Carol with Mia and Victoria – currently our youngest and oldest pupils.



You may have seen Mrs White on the television over half term. She appeared on Central News at the media launch of her "ORBS" calendar, an example is in the lobby. This is a charity calendar celebrating the "hopes and dreams" of women who have recovered following treatment. For more information visit her website, www.justgiving.com/orbscalendar (Mrs White is Miss October, Fred Tindale's (from J2) Grandma is Miss December and Jayne our "Fair Trade" speaker is Miss November!).

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Term Time News



School Diary



The term dates for the academic year 2008/09 are as follows:

Autumn Term 2008	Tue 9 th Sept – Wed 17 th Dec (Half Term 20 th – 31 st Oct)
Spring Term 2009	Wed 7 th Jan – Fri 27 th Mar (Half Term 16 th – 20 th Feb)
Summer Term 2009	Wed 22 nd April – Wed 15 th July (Half Term 25 th – 29 th May) (May Day 4 th May)
Autumn Term 2009	Begins on Wed. 9 th September

Please find below forthcoming dates for your diary:

December 08

Tue 2nd	Nursery & Infants – Travelling Theatre Company
Thur 4th	Juniors - Travelling Theatre Company
Wed 10th	Nursery Christmas Concert (Burnside Hall) – 2pm
Thur 11th	Junior Choir – John Lewis 10.30am
Fri 12th	Infant Nativity (Church) – 2pm
Tue 16th	Carol Concert (Church) - 7.30pm

Forthcoming matches

Thurs 20 th , November	Football v St Joseph's (1 st Team) away
Mon 1 st , December	Football v Dagfa (1 st Team) home
Fri 5 th , December	Football v Greenholme (1 st Team) home

School Photographer

At 9am on Wednesday 12th November the photographer will be coming into school to take individual and family photographs.

Parents' Association Meeting

On Wednesday, 12th November in school at 8.00pm. This is simply a chance to get together this term for a general, informal chat. The next event will be our Spring/Easter Fayre. Everyone is welcome.

Diary note for next term

Plumtree School Music Festival – Fri 20th & Sat 21st March 2009



Christmas at Plumtree



Christmas at Plumtree School - You are all invited to join us for our traditional celebrations.

Christmas with the Nursery in the Burnside Hall at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 10th December.

Our Junior Choir will be singing in the John Lewis store in town on Thursday, 11th December at 10.30am. Do come and see us.

Infant Nativity Service in Church at 2.00pm Friday, 12th December.

Candlelit Carol Service with the Juniors in Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th December.

As usual, with all of our services and performances, can I ask you to make other arrangements for babies and toddlers as they can, potentially, spoil the occasion for those sitting nearby. Please feel welcome to video tape these events, but refrain from taking flash photographs during the performances. As the Nursery and Infants will be *in costume* we will arrange a photo' opportunity at some point during the afternoon.

Harvest Festival



The Harvest Festival was a great success and a great turn out from the parents – “Thank-you”. We sang a range of songs conducted by Mrs White with a fantastic audience. Once again thank you to Mr Ives, the school pianist, for another great performance.

By Harry Parker and Eric Tuttey

Features & Comments

Sainsbury's Active Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has collected active vouchers and sent them into school. We are very grateful because we have been able to get lots of new sports equipment including pyramid balls, foam tennis balls, agility ladders, speed hurdles, rainbow skipping ropes, sequencing spots, rainbow foam balls and star bean bags, as well as a lot more. We have been playing with them in P.E lessons and out in the playground. We are very grateful to people who collect lots of different kinds of vouchers for school.



By Hannah Smith Hilliard and Victoria Harker

Plumtree Post new email



We realise that newsletters from school sometimes *fail to make it home*. As the information is important, particularly dates of school events, we have set up an email address for the Plumtree Post. When important school events are coming up, we will circulate an email to everyone on our list. Simply email us at plumtreepost@yahoo.co.uk and we will add your email address to the list. Please make a point of doing this at your earliest convenience – hopefully we can save on some paperwork.

Subscribe to Gridclub



The School is a subscriber to Gridclub. This is an educational website which acts as our internet homepage in school. It's a really useful site for children, parents and teachers and there are some excellent educational games. You are allowed to access the site at home. Go to www.gridclub.com, our user name is plu1387 and our password is ng125nd.



Wish upon a Star This Christmas

This Christmas at Plumtree School all children will be given a cardboard star to take home, cut out, decorate and write their own Christmas wish on. For a £1 donation to Starlight Charity each star will be displayed in the school lobby in the run up to Christmas. More details will be issued nearer the time! Starlight Children's Foundation is a charity that works to brighten the lives of seriously and terminally ill children by granting their wishes and providing hospital entertainment to help take their minds off the pain, fear and isolation of their illness.



The Griffin



We are all delighted to see the Griffin Inn restored and open again. The new owners (two of them are ex-Plumtree parents) have done a superb job and we are all looking forward to resuming our symbiotic relationship with them, supporting the pub and restaurant as a thank you for the parking facilities. As always, please park carefully and thoughtfully if you are parking at the Griffin or around the village. Goodwill is essential in our small community.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Yr 5 and Yr 6

On Wednesday the 5th of November years 5 and 6 went on a school trip to the Nottingham Arts Theatre to watch 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Before the play started they took part in a theatrical workshop where they got to meet the directors Nikola Abbi and Nick Paley. They learnt about Shakespearian language and had the opportunity to direct a scene from the play. They really enjoyed the workshop and the play as well. Thank you to Mr White for organising the day.

By Anya Barnes

Plumtree School Council

The first school council meeting took place on the first Tuesday back after half term. The school council voted for the chairperson to be Harry Parker and the vice chairperson to be Lois Jones.

Sports Review

Emma's Running Success

Emma Redgate in Year 3, competed in the Transplant Games held in Sheffield over the Summer. Emma said, "I felt really good when I won a medal". Emma won a gold and silver medal. I am sure you will all join in congratulating Emma on her success.



Netball match against Salterford House

Everyone played very well in the match against Salterford House School. Salterford House played very well to win and they were a good team.. The ending score was 7-14 to them but Plumtree School played extremely well. Well done to Lois Jones, Hannah Smith Hilliard, Anya Barnes (Captain), Zara Barnes, Ellie Beachell, Rowena Ashpole, Amy Daniels and Victoria Harker.

By Lois Jones & Hannah Smith Hilliard

European Countries Word search

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SWEDEN NORWAY ROMANIA
 ENGLAND GREECE ITALY
 FRANCE GERMANY By Charles Grattan

Amy Daniels Giselle

In the summer holidays Amy (Year 5) took part in Giselle ballet on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd of August, For the English Youth Ballet at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham. The ballet lasted on average two and a half hours. There were over 20 rehearsals and each lasted 6 hours! Amy described it as ecstatic and would definitely do it again.



Netball match against Arley House

The year 5 and 6 girls played in a netball match against Arley House School (P.N.E.U).Miss Gerrard drove us to Sutton Bonnington in the minibus. We played inside a brand spanking new sports hall. Instead of playing the usual 7 a-side netball we played high five netball. The end result was 4-1 to Plumtree!

Anya and Zara Barnes played in a netball tournament in Horncastle for their club Cliftonettes and they won!

By Anya Barnes and Victoria Harker

Football match against Salterford House

(1st Team)

On the 3rd of October Plumtree School played their first football match against Salterford House. The team played an amazing passing game and scored 11 and conceded 1, so the score was Plumtree 11 and Salterford House 1.

Lewis Kingsley (Captain)

Football Match against Greenholme

(2nd Team)

On Friday October 17th ten boys from Years 3, 4 and 5 (Sam, James, Taylor, Cameron, William, Francesco, Oliver, Fraser, Georgio and I) went over to Greenholme School for our first football match together. We all played well with Fred and James scoring 1 goal each, William made a hattrick while Sam was top goal scorer with 4 goals. Our goalies-Cameron and Taylor-kept a clean sheet, so after a great game we won 9-0.

Reporter: Fred Tindale (Captain)