



## Beatrix Potter Christmas News Letter

After a gap our latest updates on BP as we head towards the end of term.

### **YN & YR Nursery and Reception.**

Mary's Knitting. The Christmas story performed in a very different way by our children.

For YR Mrs Hodgins and Morning Nursery  
Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am in the hall

For YR Ms O'Halloran and Afternoon Nursery  
Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm in the hall. If you have not sent in a reply slip we will be able to accommodate you.

Tea, Coffee and mince pies courtesy of the PTA

**Parent Mail.** E mail is wonderful but if overused about anything becomes a deletion exercise. I think we are very aware of the issues and have reviewed our use of parent mail. Plenty of information with less e mails will be the approach.

**New Web Site.** I have been adding news and events and checking over our new site and getting used to how it operates. It will be well worth waiting for and will provide a much improved view of BP. At this stage I'm sorting the ending of the original site and directing traffic to the new. I'm not sure if we will be up and running this side of Christmas, but a new year launch is a better bet.

**In the education world** we are veering all over the place. National funding formulas are under debate and already the difficulties this brings is occupying ministers minds. It is not clear how the deficit reductions will hit next years budget, I suspect it will be a inflation increase and other costs rises will be expected to be absorbed. Teachers career structures are to change again with the introduction of the 'Master Teacher' I'm not sure if Russell Crowe had an influence on this (Film Buffs will understand my reference point). BP will continue to function despite all the new changes and initiatives and we will take them all in our stride.

### **KS1 Year 1 and Year 2**

Bethlehem's Buzzin. A stunning success and greeted by a standing ovation. Now two form the staff created the same impressive performances and the children all rose to the challenge. I have a range of photos and if you want to e mail me any please do so. Any video images gratefully received as well for the schools records.

### **KS2 Years 3,4,5 and 6** St Andrews Church, Earlsfield. 6pm Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

Christmas for Shelter, songs and dance by each year group for this excellent charity. All parents are welcome to this upper school event. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the church. You may have received a parent mail that had different times to the above. Technology is wonderful unless you forget to update the original message! Apologies for any confusion

**The building** is up to speed. Walls and stairs are underway, drains are connected and the overall shape can be seen with the steel work. So far there has been minimal disruption although KS2 are pinning after their plat space. The prospect of the facilities we will gain is very exciting and will provide many opportunities.



**School Meals.** Pay Pal is working but some parents are not paying for meals even half way through the term. Late payments mean late payments to the catering company who then charge us for late payment. This is a waste of valuable resources and causes Sarah in the office hours of work chasing people. If you receive any goods you are expected to pay immediately, we are not a credit service I'm afraid.

After Christmas up to half term the cost will be £66.70p. If you are paying in installments then we do expect the installment to be paid. If you are encountering difficulties we are here to help, but unless you tell us we cannot do anything.

If you want to cease school dinners you must let us know two weeks in advance. If you do not you will be charged. Joining school dinners is easier as a weeks advance notice is all that is required.

**Bikes and Scooters.** Must be stored in the area around the front of the school. If they are anywhere else they will be removed. Scooters are very popular and are difficult to store. Without purchasing an expensive system they will have to remain out the front. However they could be left sensibly rather than the heaps that occur at the moment. Children collecting them are falling over badly stored scooters. Just be sensible please.

**At the end of the day on Friday.** I suspect we will have several bikes and a large number of scooters left behind. They are going to be removed and a local company is going to make me an offer for them. I am happily going to take the deal and use it for school. So if you know you have a bike or a scooter out there do come and take it.

**Xmas Lunch** is this Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Look out for local news papers where year 6 feature with their visit to the **Mayor and Council Leader.**

Last but not least we all hope you have a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year and that you all (particularly the children) receive wonderful gifts. It is a time to remember those less fortunate, but it is also a time to celebrate as a family. Until next Year.

**Mr S Neale Head Beatrix Potter**

**Last Day of Term December 16<sup>th</sup>, school finishes normal time.**

**First day of Term Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

