



# **NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2012**

## **FOR PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

### **OF LOVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to our January Newsletter and the first one of 2012! I extend an extra warm welcome to our new children and their families: Josh and Izzie in Reception, Archie in Year 2, Alisha in Year 4 and Arron in Year 6. And also, we welcome Miss Charlotte Guest who is job-sharing with Mrs Hale in Class 2, teaching on Thursdays and Fridays.

We certainly ended the last term, full of the festive spirit, with a lovely Carol Service, Christmas Parties and a special Celebration Assembly. I hope you also all had a lovely Christmas holiday with your families. On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to thank you all for the lovely Christmas cards and presents.

Yet again, we have a busy term ahead of us, which could possibly include an Ofsted inspection, as we are due one this academic year! We will be inspected according to the new 2012 Framework and we will be given between 0 and 2 days notice of the inspection. You will receive a letter and questionnaire on the day that we are notified.

#### **Some dates for your diary:**

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Start of Spring Term
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	First John Flatter's Football Session
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	First Wincanton Swimming Session for Class 2
<b>Week beginning</b>	
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	After-school Clubs begin this week
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	2.00pm Parents Forum and PTA Meeting in Platform 1¾
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	6.30pm 'Help Your Child With Maths' - Workshop for parents.
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	4.30pm Education and Welfare Governors 6.30pm Business Governors
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	1.30 – 2.45pm Year 2 Multi-Sports Afternoon
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January:</b>	3.30pm Inter-school Hockey Tournament at Sunnyhill School.
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February:</b>	6.30pm Full Governors
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:</b>	6.30pm PTA Event – Family Beetle Drive
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	2.30pm Celebration Assembly
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	School Closed for INSET Day Break Up for Half Term



## **This Term**

### Smoking on School Premises

I would like to remind parents that Lovington C of E Primary School is a non-smoking site, and this includes all outdoor areas such as the playground and car park. To support our aim to promote healthy lifestyles to the children we are asking that parents do not prepare cigarettes or smoke in view of the children.

### Dogs on School Premises

I have recently received a letter raising the concern of parents bringing dogs onto the school site. I have not found any legal documents stating that dogs are not allowed on school grounds and I am currently researching this further with the Governors. I personally believe that it is important for children to have safe contact with animals, which is why in the past we have supported events such as 'National Pet Month' and held 'Pet Days'. We do have an updated 'Risk Assessment' for animals on the school site, which is available for parents to see by request. Dogs brought onto the school site are to be kept on leads and owners are responsible for cleaning up after them.

### PTA and Parents Forum Meetings

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, there will be a joint PTA and Parents Forum Meeting in Platform 1¾ at 2pm.

The Parent, Teacher Association (PTA) is principally a charity, which raises money for the school to provide extra resources for your children. We are extremely fortunate to have a very successful PTA, which has raised money to maintain the school swimming pool, purchase the James Hurst Memorial Shelter, digital cameras, reading books and pay for coaches for school trips. However, the success of the PTA currently relies upon the hard work of a very small number of people. They would very much like to welcome more parents to become involved with the sharing of ideas, planning and running events. Every parent and member of staff is automatically a member of the PTA and would be made very welcome!

The purpose of the Parents Forum is to give parents the opportunity to come into school and discuss general issues and share ideas about improving the school. Do please come along. If you are unable to make that date please feel free to send me your thoughts to my personal email:  
[cmarsland@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:cmarsland@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

Please find attached an agenda for the joint meeting next week.

### **Thank You!**

I would like to thank Mrs Susan Kellagher, the Lay Reader from Castle Cary for leading our School Carol Service and to all of the Mums led by Mrs Tubridy for organising the School Christmas Party Lunch. It was lovely to welcome back Mrs Stuckey to help with this event – thank you!

### **And finally...**

On behalf of everyone at the school I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

Claire Marsland



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Tuesday 10th January 2012  
Platform 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ , Lovington School  
At 2.00 pm

## PTA Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of Last Meeting
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 Treasurer's Report
- 5 Forthcoming Events
  - Beetle Drive - Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - School Disco - March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Mothers Day - T-Towels
  - Coffee Morning
- 6 Any Other Business
  - D/D from account?
  - Sound System
  - Jubilee Medals ordered
- 7 Date of Next Meeting

## Parents Forum Agenda

- 1 Parent Workshops
- 2 Parent Consultation Meetings
- 3 End of Year Trip
- 4 2012 Residential
- 5 AOB / Future Items for Discussion

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P T A	CHAIR: Rachel McKenzie	VICE CHAIR: Karen Jenkins	TREASURER: Sarah Pick
	SECRETARY: Joy Griffin	HEAD TEACHER: Claire Marsland	
	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Lindsey Butcher, Andrea Goodliffe, Ness Harris & Julia Godfrey		
	CLASS REPRESENTATIVES: (1) Nicky Green (2) Becky Woodgate		