

Higher Bebington Junior School

General News



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OFSTED INSPECTION 2008

As you will be aware, since the publication of our last school newsletter, we were inspected by OFSTED and deemed *outstanding* for the fourth time. This is a unique achievement for a Wirral school and may even be so nationally. We were pleased to subsequently receive a letter from Steve Maddocks, the Chief Executive of Wirral Council, who congratulated us on 'a truly remarkable achievement'. While we remain justifiably proud of this distinction, we are committed to continue the school's success.

EXTENDED SCHOOL STATUS

We would like to thank those parents who completed the 'Extended Schools Questionnaire' before our recent Harvest Festival. The results are currently being analysed and will be used to help identify areas for action in our bid to gain extended school status.

Our extensive plans for gaining official 'extended school' status are now well under way and we aim to complete the process by January 2010.



MUSIC TUITION



A new initiative introduced this academic year is the opportunity for every Year 4 pupil and their teachers to learn to play a musical instrument. All instruments (in our

case the ukulele) are provided for the duration of the year.

Lessons are taught by a specialist music teacher from Wirral Girls' Grammar School.

This is the beginning of a rolling programme which will eventually see every child in the school being given the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who were kind enough to make a donation to 'Seeds for Africa', the theme of this year's Harvest assembly. A grand total of £338 was raised, which will provide a whole orchard of fruit trees in a much needed area of Africa.



STAFF NEWS

We would like to congratulate Mrs Coleridge-Hughes, who is expecting her first child in March of next year. She will begin her maternity leave at the end of January.



Higher Bebbington Junior School Christmas Newsletter



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With Christmas rapidly approaching, we feel that you would appreciate early notice of our planned festive arrangements.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Home and School Association has organised its traditional Christmas Fair for **Saturday December 13th**.

On **Friday December 12th** children are requested to bring in items to be sold at the Fair. Pupils will be allowed to wear **non-uniform** clothes on this occasion. Could we ask that your donations are brought in on that actual date, when they can be taken immediately to the School Hall.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION

After another great success with last year's competition, we will once again be inviting the children to make a Christmas decoration of any description. Year group prizes will be awarded and all entries will be displayed in the school.

Entries should all be in school by the evening of **Thursday 11th December**.

CHRISTMAS DISCOS

There will be two separate discos on the same evening of **Wednesday 10th December**, for upper and lower school pupils.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas Raffle, with some fantastic prizes, will be drawn on **Friday December 19th**



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Year 3 and the School Choir will be presenting 'What Christmas Means to Me' on the afternoons of **Monday 15th** and **Tuesday 16th December** at **1.30 pm**. Due to limited space in the school hall, parents of children in Year 3 and the School Choir only will be invited to attend.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Once again all the children will have an opportunity to buy presents at our Christmas Fair, in addition, on **Monday 15th** and **Tuesday 16th**, at lunchtime, children will be able to buy from a selection of items, which will then be gift wrapped for them to give as Christmas presents.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The school canteen staff will be serving a Christmas lunch for **all** pupils who wish to partake, on **Wednesday 17th December**.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES

On the afternoon of **Thursday 18th December** class parties will take place.

THEATRE COMPANY



On the morning of **Friday 19th December**, the children can enjoy a performance of 'Dick Whittington' from a visiting theatre company.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY at 3.30pm on **Friday December 19th**. The school will be closed for pupils on **Monday January 5th** for a School Development Day. Spring Term begins on **Tuesday January 6th, 2009**.