



## NEWSLETTER 93

December 2009

### THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT

A team of students are hoping to build a greenhouse made out of 1,500 clear, 2 litre plastic bottles. They have already collected over a third of their target.

The project aims to raise awareness about the need to reduce our dependency on oil (which is the main ingredient of plastic), and the importance of recycling to reduce the amount of landfill we use each year.

If you have any clear 2 litre plastic bottles at home, please rinse them out and give them to your child to bring to school.

Thank you.

### FOOTLIGHTS

This term's Footlights magazine should be with you during the course of the coming week. Have you got an 'unsung hero' amongst our students? Let us know here at school.

### POWER OUTAGES

The school has been bedevilled with power cuts again. These seem to be caused by the mains feed being unable to cope with the demands of so many computers here at school. Our staff and students are to be congratulated on their coolness and good humour.

The fire alarm was also activated by one of these power surges as the electricity went on. We managed to evacuate the building in 6 minutes which is good for 1300+ people. Students were on the whole very sensible and forgiving, especially given the weather out on the tennis courts!

### BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

The Charity Commission has declined a land swap for part of Lenny Barn. This is a setback for the school in that we may now have to look at other parts of the 'footprint' to begin building our new school. At the time of going to press the Local Authority has not indicated if they attend to appeal the decision. What we do know is that we expect a new building around 2012. Our old one is much loved and looked after, but is overcrowded and showing its age.



## **PANTO SUCCESS**

Many thanks to all of the students, staff and their families who have supported the Panto this term. As always Mr. De Courcey has written a very popular production with a cast of thousands! It is particularly impressive when we remember how tired everyone is after a long term.

## **SECURITY**

From January all visitors to the school will have to park at Horse Carrs on the corner of Falinge Fold. (The site of the old Emmanuel Christian School). Parents and others will be unable to park at the rear of the school building. A gate keeper will only allow access to vehicles with car park permits. Please do not try to turn around in it.

## **FAREWELL**

to Mrs. Stoddart and Ms. Blight who go on Maternity Leave. They will be replaced by Mrs. Mulherin and Mr. Webb respectively.

Also to Mrs. Gregory who goes to pastures new and to Mr. Codd. Mr. Codd is leaving to become a full time foster carer. We wish him and his newly enlarged family the very best for the future.

## **LAST DAY OF TERM**

School finishes for most students at 12:10 p.m. on Friday. Exceptions to this are:

- Students who cannot be looked after at home.
- Students who are repeat offenders for uniform detentions, or who have been poorly behaved in recent days.

The school itself will remain open until 3:00 p.m. If you wish your child to have a lunchtime meal or be supervised for the last two lessons of the day, please contact the school by `phone or letter, asap.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	School Reopens to Pupils
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	Year 11 Parents' Evening (3:15 – 6:15 p.m.)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	Half Term Holiday
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2010	School Reopens to Pupils

*We wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year*



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