

September 17th 2009 School Newsletter



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Dates

- ◆ 16&17/9/09 – Meet the teacher
- ◆ w/b 5/10/09 – Harvest
- ◆ 26-30/10/09 – Half term.
- ◆ w/b 9/11/09 – target setting evenings
- ◆ 28/11/09 – Christmas Fair
- ◆ 8&9/12/09 – Infant nativity
- ◆ **16/12/09 – Junior Carol Service @ 7pm**

Meet the Teacher

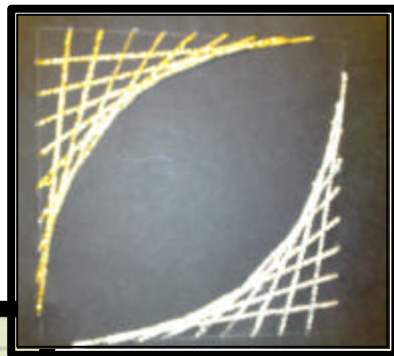
Thank you to all those people who were able to attend the class meetings, I trust you found them useful and informative. The feedback that I have received has been very positive. I appreciated those parents who asked questions which helped us to tailor the information and address areas of interest or concern. It is a fact that children learn the best when there is a strong and positive working relationship between school and home. To develop that relationship open communication is essential and hopefully the meetings were a good opportunity to begin that process for this year. You should have received class newsletters which outlines some of the work the children will be doing this term along with ways in which you could help at home. If you have any other suggestions about how we can help build that important relationship between home and school please don't hesitate to let me know.

New Beginnings

Social Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) is an important part of our curriculum. This half-term the focus is on New beginnings. During the term the children will be exploring how to create a learning environment that helps the children learn together in a happy, busy and safe way. They will also learn about the feelings they have when they are happy, sad, scared and excited, and how to manage these feelings in the classroom. I have included an activity on the back that will be the focus over the next couple of weeks during circle time.

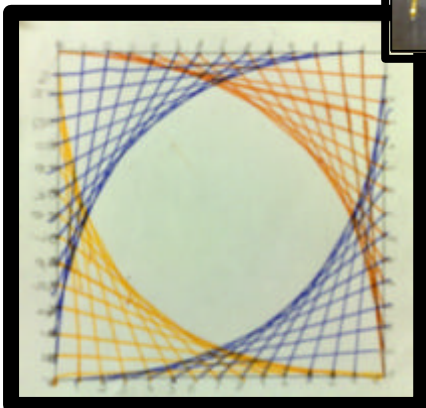
Start of the Day

Children should arrive at school between 8:35 and 8:45 in the morning. Please could I ask that children don't arrive unsupervised before 8:35 as there are no staff on duty. At 8:35 the school doors are opened so children can organize themselves ready for a prompt start at 8:45. For children who are persistently late, after the registers have closed, the school is required to mark as an unauthorized absence and this can result in a fine. If you need to drop off your children before 8:35, Little Saints run a breakfast club from 8am.



Carol Service

Please be aware that the date of the Junior Carol Service has changed to **Wednesday 16th December** because the church had been doubled booked. I like to give as much notice as possible about events especially around busy periods but it does mean from time to time it needs to be changed.



Year 6

I have been impressed with the way the Year 6 have taken to the responsibilities that come with being the oldest in the school. They are already working hard and producing good quality work. The display of patterns completed with silver and gold thread is particularly effective.

Friday 16th October is the deadline for secondary school applications. Please speak to Mrs

Evans or myself if you need any help with this.