

Newsletter - December 2012

GOVERNORS

Ballifield governors work very hard dedicating many voluntary hours to our school. We are lucky to have a large group of very supportive governors who received high praise during our OFSTED inspection.



Governors work with the senior leadership team acting as "critical friends" to ensure that policies are implemented effectively. Our governors monitor and evaluate everything we do including getting best value from the budget, setting targets, ensuring safeguarding procedures are followed and health and safety measures are in place.

We were delighted with the great response to the election of Parent governors and would like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Vanessa Johnson and Mr Neil Fox.

WINTER WEATHER

We always do our best to make sure that Ballifield stays open throughout the winter. However, if in extreme circumstances a decision is taken to close we will send out a message on our text alert system and an announcement will be made on Radio Sheffield.



If Ballifield is **not** mentioned on Radio Sheffield then we are **open**. We will also put a message on the front page of our website (www.ballifield.co.uk) as early as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Places are still available in our after school provision, run by Kids Kabin, which operates Monday to Wednesday 3.15pm - 6.00pm.

For further information call Nydia on 07815 805009.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again the shoebox appeal was a great success. Thank you to everyone who contributed, together we collected 49 boxes.



The boxes have been collected and will be sent to disadvantaged children across Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported us on Children in Need Day by wearing their pyjamas. Together with the kitchen staff we raised over £400 for this worthy cause.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We are delighted to announce that the PTA's Christmas Raffle and Fayre raised an enormous £1,200.



Thanks for your work and efforts in supporting the PTA in raising such a spectacular sum. We would also like to thank Barclays Bank who have supported our fund-raising this year.

The next event will be a fashion show which takes place on Tuesday 29th January doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets are priced at £4 and are available now from the school office.

Every parent automatically becomes a member of the PTA when their child starts at school. With your help and support we hope to build on the huge success we have already achieved with our fund raising and other social events.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

It's been an extremely busy and productive term and I would like to thank the entire school community for their hard work, especially in making all the Christmas performances so enjoyable and successful. Special thanks to the PTA for the lovely new costumes.

The support given to a vast range of charities this year has been amazing and you all deserve our genuine thanks.

Never be reluctant to claim free school meals. Forms are available in the school office and applications can be made online via www.sheffield.gov.uk Free school meals remain confidential. Children are not identified on the dinner register. Please claim if you think you are entitled. You will also be helping school as our annual budget is allocated on the percentage of pupils who have free school meals.

We are working hard to achieve our challenging attainment targets. Every child has an individual learning targets in maths and literacy and they should be able to tell you what they are!

In the meantime have a lovely Christmas break!

Sheila Haigh

Ballifield will close for the Christmas break on Friday 21st December at 3.15pm.

We re-open to children on Monday 7th January.