



Newsletter - December 2013

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 and please make sure that the office knows about any changes to your mobile phone number.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again the shoebox appeal was a great success. Thank you to everyone who contributed, together we collected 41 boxes.



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

PARKING

Can we please remind parents to park considerately when picking up and dropping off children. We have received many complaints from our neighbours regarding blocked drives and restricted access to properties.



The police have asked us to warn parents that due to the number of complaints received they will be stepping up patrols and issuing fines.

Can we also please remind parents not to park or drop children off on the yellow zig-zag lines. They are there for the safety of **ALL** children.

DINNER MONEY AND TRIP PAYMENTS

In response to your feedback, in the new year we will be implementing a new system so that parents can pay for dinners and make contributions for school trips online by debit and credit card.



Full details will be sent out to parents as soon as we have trialled the system and ironed out any bugs!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We are delighted to announce that the PTA's Christmas Raffle and Fayre raised over £1,300. Thanks for your work and efforts in supporting the PTA in raising such a spectacular sum.



The next event will be a fashion show which takes place on Tuesday 4th February 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.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported us on Children in Need Day. Together with the kitchen staff we raised £416.40 for this worthy cause.



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.

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

2014 is set to be a big year for Ballifield. We are pressing on with replacing the mobile classrooms, despite financial support being withdrawn by Sheffield City Council. We are currently at the planning stage but are hoping the new classrooms will be available for use for the new school year in September.

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!

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Westwood in the kitchen a very happy retirement as she leaves Ballifield after 28 years.

May I wish you all a lovely Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sheila Haigh

Ballifield will close for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December at 3.15pm.

We re-open to children on Monday 6th January.