

## WELCOME

We are delighted to announce that Miss Katie Armitage will be joining us from St Catherine's Primary School after the half term break as our new Foundation 1 Teacher as well as being the Foundation Stage Leader.



We would like to extend our thanks to Miss Whittingham, Mrs Kenny and Mrs Torr who have done an excellent job while we were recruiting.

It is also welcome back to Miss Hambidge who will be returning from maternity leave after the half term break. Miss Hambidge will be returning part-time and helping us cover teachers PPA time before resuming full-time duties in September.

We would also like to welcome Michelle Burton and Mandy Cartledge onto our board of governors after the election we held before Christmas.

## UNIFORM

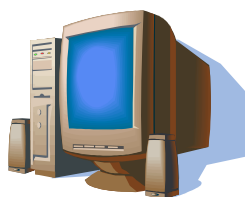
After the consultations with parents, the school has appointed an additional uniform supplier as well as retaining our current one in order to give parents a greater choice.



A new price list and order form will be sent out as soon as we have the samples available from our new supplier available in the school office for you to view.

## FREE COMPUTERS

Under a new government initiative, parents of children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) who are entitled to free school meals can apply for a Home Access Grant to purchase a computer and connect to the Internet.

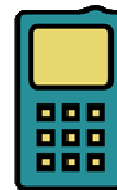


The application form can **only** be obtained by ringing the Home Access helpdesk number and requesting an application pack. The number is **0333 200 1004**.

The scheme is being run on a 'first come first served' basis so we would advise you to get your application in as soon as possible.

## PARENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The school is currently looking at a range of computer software that will enable the school to send a text message out to parents.



This would be used during bad weather or to remind parents of school events. We would be grateful therefore if you could ensure that the school holds an up-to-date mobile phone number at all times. Further details of the new scheme will be communicated to parents probably during the summer term.

## CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas fayre and raffle raised an enormous £1,751.41 to which Barclays Bank have kindly agreed to add another £750. The parents group will be meeting shortly to allocate where the money will be spent in school.



We would also like to thank everyone who bought the DVD's of the Christmas Performances. The money raised from these will be used to buy two electronic visualisers which will be used throughout the school.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

First of all, may I wish you all a slightly belated Happy New Year! The start of a New Year is always a busy time in school as we continue the hard work in preparation for SAT Tests as well as looking forward to the residential visits to Whitby and Caythorpe.

We achieved excellent SATS results last year, placing the school an amazing 12th out of 144 in the league tables, and I know everyone is keen to go one better this year. We know you will support your children especially in making sure that they achieve full attendance this term.

If you have any comments, concerns or queries, my door is always open.

*Sheila Haigh*

## **STOP PRESS! - HELP FOR HAITI - FRIDAY 29th JANUARY**

**The school council has organised a non uniform day for this Friday for a reasonable donation. Please adhere to the normal health and safety restrictions on jewellery and footwear.**