

ST. STEPHEN'S C of E SCHOOL, TOCKHOLES

Newsletter to Parents 18th November 2011

Dear parents

Children, and staff, enjoyed a talk on Monday by Firefighter Riding and Firefighter Nuttall. They learned a lot about work as a firefighter and we thank them for giving their time.

As you will have heard or read in the media, public sector unions have balloted members regarding strike action. The expected date is 30th November. I have no further information at present, and will let you know as soon as I have, but thought it fair to prepare families that school may be closed to children on that date.

We now have just over 2 weeks before our Christmas productions. Please help and encourage children to learn and practise lines. Thank-you to those who have already sent in costumes. We will be holding our traditional Christmas raffle, which pays for the pantomime visit, again this year, contributions of hamper items, toiletries, prizes would be most welcome. Please send in to school anytime from Monday 21st November. The raffle will be drawn after the performance on Wednesday 6th December.

DIARY DATES

Monday – Thursday	3 – 4pm After – School Clubs
Tuesday 22 nd November	Visit by Ruth Sloan (Warburtons) Junior Breadmaking
Friday 2 nd December	6:00pm Village Hall Christmas Lights Switch On- at Village Hall - All Welcome
Tuesday 6 th December	Junior visit to Darwen Vale's Christmas Production 6:30pm Christmas Production
Wednesday 7 th December	1:00pm and 6:30pm Christmas Production Raffle draw following 6:30pm performance
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch and Party
Wednesday 14 th December	Visit to Empire Theatre – Sinbad the Sailor Parents to collect children from theatre at 3pm
Thursday 15 th December	6:30pm Candlelight Carol Service at St. Stephen's followed by refreshments
Friday 16 th December	School closes at 1pm for Christmas break
Tuesday 3 rd January 2012	School re-opens at 8:45am for start of Spring term

Yours sincerely

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