

Dear parents,

Operation Christmas Child

The School Council recently organised this event in support of the Samaritan's Purse charity which sends boxes of Christmas gifts to children abroad who would otherwise have nothing. We collected a magnificent 155 boxes, so a very big 'thank you' to everyone who donated gifts and to Mrs Hawker and the School Council for organising the collection.

Children in Need

The School Council also organised an informal collection for Children in Need and raised £90. Thank you to all who contributed.

Parent mail

As you may remember we are setting up a new facility for communicating with parents by email and text messaging. If you have not yet returned your form please do so by Wednesday 14th December so that we can start to use it.

Christmas Round-up

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who has organised and/or supported all the various events and activities that have been held in school in the run up to Christmas.

The Reception children will be having a '**Crib Service**' on Tuesday 13th December at 2.45pm. This will be in the school hall (not the Church) and parents and carers are invited to come along and join the children and staff.

We are holding a '**Thank you**' **Assembly** for helpers on Thursday 15th December. If you have helped out in school in any way over the past term (eg. reading, swimming, on trips) and haven't received your invitation please let the office know.

Attendance for November 2011

These were the attendance figures for November 2011:

RC	95.1%	3/4S	98%
RT	93.6%	3/4HM	93.7%
1S	96.5%	3/4HK	97.9%
1KT	96.8%	5/6C	96.3%
2T	95.5%	5/6T	95%
2C	94.7%	5/6M	98.3%

This gives a whole school attendance rate of 96% which means that we are still beating our target of 95%, so a big 'well done' and keep it up!!

Individual and Family Photos

Because some parents were dissatisfied with the photos taken recently we have asked the school photographer to come back next term to retake them on 18th January. If you would like your child to be photographed again please complete the tear-off slip and return to the office by Friday 6th January.

Next term

A reminder that the children will be returning to school on Thursday 5th January 2012, with the exception of the Nursery, who start the following week.

Spot the Mistake Competition

And finally, well done again to everybody who spotted the deliberate mistake in the last newsletter. This month's prize is just the thing for the parrot enthusiast who wants to raise money for charity – it's the chance to do a sponsored parakeet jump.

On behalf of everyone at Bishop Ridley School I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Hall & Mrs A Early
Head Teachers

Child's name:..... Class:.....

I would like my child to have his/her photograph taken again.

*I would also like a family group photo taken with siblings.

Name(s) of sibling(s):.....

Class(es):.....

*Delete if necessary