

# Wellhouse Chronicle

Wellhouse J & I School



## Newsletter 3 November 2011

Here we are again, just a few weeks before Christmas and school life is immersed in the festivities and excitement of this time of year. We hope you are able to join us at our Christmas celebrations.

Mrs Kenworthy

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Please don't forget that school is closed to all pupils all day due to national strike action. School will re-open at 8.45a.m. on Thursday.

### Christmas Events at School

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Reception Children's Visit to Shepley Marina

Our youngest children will be visiting Father Christmas at Shepley Marina, leaving school during the morning and returning mid-afternoon.

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Shop

Once again we will be opening our Christmas Shop for children to buy Christmas presents for family members. All presents are priced at £1 and children can choose from a selection of different items. The presents are wrapped so that their gifts are a surprise for family members on Christmas Day! Children should bring their money in an envelope to school on the day. Maximum of 2 presents per child please.

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December- BMCA Christmas Sing

The Bolster Moor Community Association will be holding their Christmas Sing outside Bolster Moor Baptist Church at 6.30p.m. Come along with your lanterns and torches and families. Refreshments will be served inside the Church afterwards. If any children would like to volunteer to do a reading at the Sing, please pop in and let me know.

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (6p.m.) and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (9.15a.m.)- Christmas Nativity Play

Come and watch one of our Nativity performances in the school hall. The younger children in school are leading our production this year, with the older children helping with the music, singing and narration. Refreshments will be served after both performances and raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper will be on sale. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the Wednesday morning performance.

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- School Christmas Dinner

It's Christmas dinner day at Wellhouse! Your children and the staff will be enjoying their dinner while listening to Christmas songs and music.

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Federation Christmas Carol Service and Christmas Parties

Our Federation Christmas Carol Service will take place at 9a.m. at St James' Church, Slaithwaite. We would appreciate it if parents could take their children directly to Church, rather than to school, and stay and join us for our celebration. Afterwards, Year 3, 4,5 and 6 pupils will stay in Slaithwaite for their weekly swimming lesson. All other children will be transported back to school- any offers of help from parents will be gratefully received.

In the afternoon, the children will be enjoying a 'Rock 'n' Roll' themed Christmas party, with a live band, games and dancing. We would like children to bring a party costume, on a rock 'n' roll theme, to change into- this can be brought the day before to save having to take it to Church that morning. Ideas for costumes include the 'Teddy Boy' look, with jeans, leather jackets, etc. and gathered skirts or dresses with ankle socks.

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December- 'Alice in Wonderland'

After the very enjoyable show 'The Snow Queen' last Christmas, we have invited Telling Tales UK back again to perform this year's Christmas Show- 'Alice in Wonderland'. This will take place in the school hall during the morning for all children. What a great way to finish our week of Christmas celebrations! Thankyou to the Friends of Wellhouse who are once again funding the performance.

### Thankyou to Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the supportive way you use your child's planner to communicate with school staff and to support your child's well-being and learning. Staff find it an extremely valuable way of communicating information to parents and in return, receiving information from parents regarding homework, learning logs, etc. This two way communication helps teachers in setting and sharing targets with parents. Thankyou.

### Winter Weather

It is essential that children now wear a waterproof coat to school every day. When weather conditions are cold or wet, children will not be allowed to play outside unless they have a proper coat. We always have some very disgruntled children if they aren't allowed out!

### Lost Property

Once again, our lost property box is overflowing with un-named items of clothing! Please check at home and see if you are missing any items of uniform. Pop in and have a look through the box- it's located in the disabled toilet in the cloakroom area at the children's' entrance. Any unclaimed items will be taken to the Uniform Exchange at The Brian Jackson Centre and to local charity shops in the Christmas holiday. **Please remember to label all items of uniform and PE kit.**

### Maths Information Evening

We would like to say thank you to everyone who attended our Maths Information Evening and who helped to make it a success. We were delighted with the number of parents who joined us and we hope it helped you to understand how maths is taught in school today. We have had lots of positive feedback from parents about the evening. We hope to build upon this success in the Spring Term with a Literacy evening on how we teach children to write. This will be held at Clough Head School on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### Christmas Card Competition

Earlier in November, we were invited by Jason McCartney MP to hold a competition in our two schools to design his Christmas card. Every child produced a design and Jason visited Wellhouse School to judge the entries. He awarded the prizes in an assembly and our proud winners were:

Overall Winner	Joe Wilson (Clough Head)
Runners Up	Lola Gill (Wellhouse)
	Luke Scott (Clough Head)
	Ronnie Davies (Clough Head)
	Daisy Bentley (Wellhouse)
Highly Commended	Betsy Dailly (Wellhouse)
	Sam Burton(Wellhouse)
	Heather Lea (Wellhouse)
	Luke Allan(Clough Head)
	Edith Berryman (Clough Head)
	Joe Whitwam(Clough Head)

Our winners all received prizes and every child received a House of Commons chocolate coin! Jason's Christmas card will have the winning design on the front and the runners up designs in miniature on the reverse. We are looking forward to seeing the finished product!



### Netball Team

For the first time, Wellhouse has a school Netball Team! Miss Cook has kindly volunteered her time after school to coach the team and to take them along to matches in the Colne Valley Festival. The team consists of Bradley, William, Fahy, Heather, Holly, Ciara, Adam and Daisy. We've played two matches so far, sadly losing against Meltham School but battling on to draw against Beech School. Well done everyone for taking part! We look forward to hearing about your progress.

### P E Kit

During the summer holidays we bought four sets of P E kit which were to be used when children didn't have their own kit in school for whatever reason.

At the moment we are down to one white t shirt and two pairs of shorts - please will you check that your child hasn't brought some of the school P E kit home to wash and forgotten to bring it back to school.