

# Linaker Newsletter

Linaker Primary School  
and Children's Centre



November 2007 Edition

## Christmas At Linaker 2007

### Thursday 13th December :

Kangaroo Room Christmas Performance 1 (Morning Session) at 10.30am in Kangaroo Room  
Kangaroo Room Christmas Performance 2 (Afternoon Session) at 2.30pm in Kangaroo Room

### Friday 14th December : Christmas Dinner

### Monday 17th December :

Children's Centre Christmas Open Evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm  
Year 3 / 4 Production at Christchurch, Lord Street at 1.30pm (Incorporating Y3 / 4 Drama Group)

### Tuesday 18th December :

Year 5 / 6 Carol Service at Lord Street West Church at 1.30pm  
Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party Day (Bring Party Clothes)  
Reception Christmas Production at 10.00am in school  
Year 5 / 6 Christmas Disco at 6pm in school  
Koala Room Christmas Party from 3pm to 5pm

### Wednesday 19th December :

Year 1 Christmas Production in school at 10.00am  
Year 2 Christmas Production in school at 2.00pm  
School - Afternoon Tea With Santa (More Details To Follow) - 3.30pm to 4.30pm

### Thursday 20th December :

Reception / Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Parties (Bring Party Clothes)  
Year 4 / 5 / 6 Pantomime Visit To Floral Hall (Evening - tickets already sold)  
Kangaroo Room Christmas Party Day (AM from 9.30am to 11.30am, PM from 1.30pm to 3.30pm)

### Friday 21st December :

Wallaby Room Christmas Party from 11am to 1pm  
School Term Finishes at 1.30pm (Re-opens on Wednesday 2nd January '08)

### Monday 24th December :

Children's Centre Closes at 4pm (Re-opens on Wednesday 2nd January '08)



### A Huge Thank You !

#### Book Fair

Thanks to all those of you that supported the recent School Book Fair. We were able to select over £430 worth of books in commission.

#### Children In Need

Thanks also go to those that made a donation to come in 'muft' last Friday. We have been able to donate the sum of £402 to Children In Need.

#### A Gentle Reminder ....

1. Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents / guardians that all clothing should be labelled with your child's name. This enables us to return it quickly to the correct child.
2. Bikes - if you wish your child to bring a bike to school they MUST wear a cycle helmet - it is a condition of the issuing of a permit.

#### School Meal Price Increase

In September Sefton Council increased the price it charges for a school meal. As we are an independent school meal provider we have been able to hold off any increases until now. As such, please note that the cost of a school meal will increase to £1.50 per day as of the 1st January '08. The new weekly charge will be £7.50.

### NEWS ... In Brief

- ✍ We are now able to inform you that Mrs Thomas will be returning to Linaker after her maternity leave on Monday 3rd December. We would like to thank Ms Burgess for covering for her. We expect Mrs Strutton to return to Linaker in January 2008.
- ✍ The school website has been completely refreshed and relaunched recently. We have also added a new website 'Linaker Extra' which gives you a little bit more. You can find this at [www.linakerextra.org.uk](http://www.linakerextra.org.uk)
- ✍ The annual pantomime held at Meols Cop High School will take place on Friday 30th November at 7pm. More details available soon.
- ✍ Lost property - we apologise for the confusion caused regarding the location of lost property. This can now be found outside the Performing Arts Suite.

#### Consulting Children

As a school we are committed to listening to the views of our children and, where possible, responding to them. We do this in a number of ways : the School Council and regular questionnaires. The School Council meets about once a month under the watchful supervision of Mrs Wilson. There is a formal agenda and minutes are taken. Each class votes someone in to sit on the school council. The council is used as a 'sounding board' for any ideas or proposals for change we may have. They also tell us what we can do to improve. On occasion members of staff are invited to explain why something happens or to listen to a suggestion.

In June this year we had a school-wide pupil consultation. This involved pupils being asked about their views on everything from being safe in school to their views about their teachers.

Does it make any real difference ? Yes - the two areas that seem to be at the heart of pupils concern are (a) the poor state of the boys toilets and (b) developing the school playground to make it more interesting. As a result of this Mr Coleman has prioritised these areas, identified some funding and (a) the toilets will be completely refurbished next Easter and the playground has already seen the introduction of structured play and will have new elements put in during the spring term.

Other suggestions that have been acted upon include : revisions to the school dinner menu and fundraising ideas.

#### **New Service From January 2008 ...**

As of January 2008 we will be able to send text messages to parents who sign up to our new service. There will be no charge for the service. We will be using the facility to text parents reminders, changes of dates, cancellations of clubs etc. We believe this service will be welcomed by many parents.

In addition, we will be allowing parents to text us to notify us of their child's absence rather than telephoning or writing.

More details to follow in the new year.



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