

Dear Parents

Industrial Action

Public sector unions and teaching unions have balloted members nationally about taking industrial action over the proposed changes to public sector pensions. The proposed date for co-ordinated industrial action is Wednesday 30th November 2011. Following a risk assessment and in-line with national guidance it will mean that some classes will not be operating on this day and parents will have to make alternative child-care arrangements. Although staff are not obliged to indicate their intention to strike, I am grateful that they have offered this information to give parents time to plan alternative arrangements. Therefore school will be open for pupils in the Nursery and the following classes: 21, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, and 12. There will be no provision for pupils in classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 20 and pupils will have to remain home on this day.

Christmas 2011 Events at Oldway

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the events taking place involving the children from Oldway School during the build up to Christmas. We realise that this is a particularly busy time of the year for everyone and we look forward to your support and involvement as we all work together to make it a successful, special time for the children. Due to our involvement in community events and issues beyond our control, we sometimes have to change some of our planned Christmas programme. If this is necessary, we will give you as much notice as possible.

December 05 th	Evening	Year 2 and Class 17 - DICK WHITTINGTON and his CAT - 6.00 pm
December 06 th	Afternoon	Nursery Christmas Singalong 2.15pm - Conference Room
December 06 th	Evening	Year 2 and Class 18 - DICK WHITTINGTON and his CAT - 6.00 pm
December 07 th	Evening	Year 2 and Class 16 - DICK WHITTINGTON and his CAT - 6.00 pm
December 08 th	Morning	Class 15 visit to Pantomime (Attendance Reward)
December 08 th	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch for Children
December 08 th	Morning	Rehearsal for School Carol Concert for KS2
December 08 th	Afternoon	Nursery Christmas Singalong 2.15 pm - Conference Room
December 08 th	Evening	School Carol Concert- Christ Church - 7.00 pm
December 09 th	Morning	Reception Nativity - 10.00 am KS1 Hall
December 09 th	Afternoon	Reception Nativity - 2.00 pm KS1 Hall
December 12 th	Afternoon	Christmas Party - Year 1 and 2
December 13 th	Morning	Reception Christmas Party am
December 13 th	Afternoon	Nursery Christmas Party 1- 12.45
December 13 th	Afternoon	Christmas Party - Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6
December 13 th	Afternoon	PTA raffle draw 3.00pm
December 14 th	Afternoon	Nursery Christmas party 2-12.45
December 15 th	3.15 pm	SCHOOL CLOSES for Christmas Holiday - RETURN ON 4th January 2012

Please bring along your tickets for the Year 1 and 2 production of **Dick Whittington and his Cat**. Tickets for parents of Year 1 children will be given to children on Thursday 1st December (2 tickets per child). Tickets for parents of Year 2 children will be available from class teachers on Thursday 1st December @ 3.30 p.m. (2 tickets per child). We do not charge for any of the Christmas performances, but ask parents to be as generous as they feel able in giving towards the costs of the productions when receiving a programme.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 are expected to attend the **Carol Concert** in School Uniform and all parents are invited to attend. **No tickets are necessary**. Pupils should arrive at Christ Church 6.40 pm and be collected at 7.30 pm from Christ Church

No tickets are necessary for the Reception Nativity Plays or Nursery Christmas Singalong.

Selected classes will walk to local **Retirement Homes** when dates are finalised. Please inform me in writing if you **do not** wish your child to participate in any of these events.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the various events outlined above.

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