

**The Miracle Child**  
**Monday 17th December**

**6.30p.m. at**

**The Arc Theatre.**

Programmes on sale from Monday 10th December from the School Office. 2 programmes per family this year. You may ask for more and go on a waiting list for any spare ones nearer the time.

£2.50 each

Grandparents and extras can come to the dress rehearsal on Friday 14th at the Arc Theatre at 10.00a.m. Entrance by programme at £1 each. Also on sale at the Office.

**After school clubs.**

These have now finished until after Christmas. They will re-start on Tuesday 8th January with Megazone club– homework for KS2 children only.

Activity clubs will re-start on Wednesday 9th January. A letter outlining the clubs to be offered next term will be sent home later next week. Thank you.

**GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED THE MASSIVE ARRAY OF PRIZES ON THE TABLE IN THE OFFICE. DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS. YOU CAN ALWAYS HAVE MORE FROM THE OFFICE.**

**Corby Old Village**



**Primary School**

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**Christmas Fair**

This raised £308.00 A great big thank you to all who supported the afternoon and spent their money!

£69 went to the School Council for their Chocolate tombola. £239.00 has gone towards the resources used and the children's Christmas presents.

**Dangerous driving!**

It has been brought to my notice that one or two parents are trying to turn right when leaving our Car Park. May I remind you all that this part of the road is designated one way, by law. Nothing to do with the school. YOU MUST TURN LEFT.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 2.00P.M

IT RE-OPENS TO CHILDREN ON TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2008. THANK YOU.

**Fire drills.**

The school has to abide by all fire regulations and safety policies. The Fire Prevention Services expect us to hold impromptu fire drills regularly. It is the job of the Fire Officer in our school to consider all eventualities, to monitor evacuation and record all the details as a report for the County Safety Officers. If your child is with visiting professionals then they need to know the procedures and demonstrate that they can respond in the event of a real fire. Nobody can predict when a fire could occur. With all this in mind a fire drill took place in the school last Thursday afternoon. The drill requires everyone to evacuate the building by the nearest fire exit, no matter what stage of dress they are in. This led to Class 2 having to go outside in their PE kits, and as they were in the Hall, without footwear. No exception can be made. In the event of a real fire children and staff MUST leave the building, even if they are naked! A fire drill must be treated in the same way. We were all out within three minutes, and as soon as the teachers had checked that everyone was accounted for on the grass, the alarm was silenced and we returned to the building. Class 2 were encouraged to keep moving while outside, so they did not get cold, they were first to return and then their PE continued so that their body temperature was not affected. It is because we take your child's welfare so seriously that we hold such drills, and will continue to do so. Every precaution to ensure the well being of your children is considered by all members of staff at all times. Any complaints received are treated seriously and aired and shared. We accept criticism and respond to it. However, when we have a legal responsibility to follow safety policies we do not apologise for the drill, but celebrate the children's responses and learning through the experience.

**Hot school dinners.**

Sadly, we have no news of these restarting yet. In response to the parents and children who had signed the form at the Office, I telephoned and spoke to the Catering Officer at the Local Authority and asked about alternative provision. It appears NO other company will provide hot meals for less than 100 children a day. When I pointed out we were a small school she reduced that number to 60(half the school population). As this is nowhere near the regular number, even through the winter months, we are going to have to wait for the kitchens to be refurbished at Rockingham Primary School. Apparently, as our numbers are so small, we have been fortunate that Three Tier Caterers have provided for us in the past. Sadly too, if the Local Authority are struggling to pay for a kitchen to be refurbished then what hope have we got of ever having our own kitchens?

**Headship**

**This school is a great school! I have chosen to retire after 30 years of teaching at a time when the school is thriving. The post will be advertised in the Times Education Supplement and County Bulletins. Applications will be invited and the Governors will then interview in the new year. The appointment of a Headteacher is a lengthy process, and sadly very few teachers want to consider the responsibilities of Headship, especially in a small school where demands are greater on staff than in larger schools. As soon as the Governors have made their appointment you will be informed. In the meantime the school is "Business as usual!" and I look forward to Christmas.**

**After School clubs.**

These will continue until Thursday 6th December. There will not be any after school clubs then until Tuesday 8th January 2008.

**Don't forget the Christmas Fair on Friday  
30th November at 2.00p.m.**

20p to get in.

Decorations, crafts, gift tags, tombola, lucky dip, refreshments, raffle, children's pride in their achievements.!





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Sandy.

Just to prepare for  
next term.....

Class 1 will be starting  
Forest School trips.

Class 4 will continue swim-  
ming until the February  
break when Class 3 will  
start.

The woodland Art project  
will move to the Early  
Years classes with KS2  
Art club on Thursdays af-  
ter school.

Diary dates:

12.12.07- Looking Glass Theatre Company—  
"Sleeping Beauty" for the whole school. Class 4 last  
swimming until after Christmas! Parent and Tod-  
dler group. Football in school time for KS2 chil-  
dren.

13.12.07— Children walking up to The Arc for a play  
rehearsal—please bring coats.

14.12.07 - Children walking up to The Arc for Dress  
rehearsal —please bring coats. 10.a.m. for grand-  
parents etc. Entrance by programme at £1 from  
the office.

17.12.07- "The Miracle Child" at the Arc 6.30p.m.  
Entrance by Programme £2.50 each from the Of-  
fice—2 per family maximum.

18.12.07— Party day—50p to wear Party clothes all  
day. Christmas Buffet lunch, afternoon games and  
Santa Claus visit. Grand Christmas Raffle Draw.-  
2.30p.m. in the Hall.

20.12.07— 2.00p.m. Christingle at St. John's  
Church.

21.12.07— School closes for Christmas at 2.00p.m.

Where does the money go?

The school budget is not allowed to subsidise Christ-  
mas events. All fundraising goes towards the Theatre  
company visit, party trimmings, presents, hire of The  
Arc Theatre, costumes and props, performance rights  
etc. Any profit will be split between—Friends of the  
School and Elizabeth House, Uganda—this years cho-  
sen charity.

