



## Weekly Newsletter

27 November, 2009

Dear Parents,

Coly Class enjoyed their visit to @ Bristol on Monday; the exploding hydrogen balloon was a memorable event for many! The Planetarium at this hands-on centre I would recommend if you have a chance to go; it was just like looking into the sky on a very clear night and the expert guide brought it all to life. The children also had a chance to film, produce and direct their own animation film and once finished we were able to send them back to school via Email.

The PTFA are running three raffles during the Christmas Production period in addition to the hampers raffle and would be very grateful if anyone could donate a raffle prize - something like a bottle of wine, a box of chocolates or a small prize for a child like a book or bubble bath. Please give your donations to Greta Stoddart. Also, Many thanks to all have returned the raffle tickets and could we please ask that if you have any unsold tickets to hand them into the office so that they can be offered to other people. If you haven't already done so please could you return the Film Afternoon slips by Wednesday, 2 December at the latest

Many thanks for supporting 'Children in Need' and for all the coins, Mrs Harding had fun on Monday bagging them up. We raised in total £96.13, this was made up of £24 for Mrs Adair's 'Pudsey Biscuits'; £36.44 in 1p; £22.44 in 2p; and £13.25 in other coins and notes.

PC Hayley Taylor has asked us to remind you about the Internet Safety Awareness evening for parents that is taking place next week on Thursday, 3 December at Axe Valley Community College. It is important for you to be aware of the risks your children face when using the internet and you may not be aware that is a problem until it is too late. The event will highlight possible pitfalls and offer guidance to keep your children safe online.

**Request from Mrs Hussey** - Jasmine put her earrings (gold coloured with ladybirds on) on Mr Bettison's desk last Friday before PE and has not seen them since. If anyone has any knowledge of these please see Mr Bettison or Mrs Quick.

**Posada** An explanation from Rev McCollum

Posada is a South American tradition where a village looks after (knitted) figures of Mary and Joseph in their journey to the Stable for Christmas Eve. Everyone is invited to take the figures home for an evening, there is an optional prayer to say when they arrive at your home and they are handed on (posada means 'passing' in Spanish, apparently) to the next family. Everyone who helps the Holy Family on their journey is given a (knitted) sheep to keep which they bring to St Giles Church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 3pm when we make our nativity scene. You can personalise your sheep and take it home after the service too! Sign up soon, there are only 26 evenings in Advent the list is in the foyer of the school.

*Malcolm Bettison*