

## COSSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 06 (9.12.11)



This will be the final newsletter of 2011, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone connected with Cossington Primary School a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. Don't forget that school is closed for training on January 4<sup>th</sup>, so I look forward to seeing you all on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2011.

### Upcoming dates for your diary



- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Candlelight Concert at St Mary's Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch at Cossington Village Hall
- 16<sup>th</sup> December - last day of term
- 4<sup>th</sup> January - INSET day (school closed)
- 5<sup>th</sup> January - first day of term

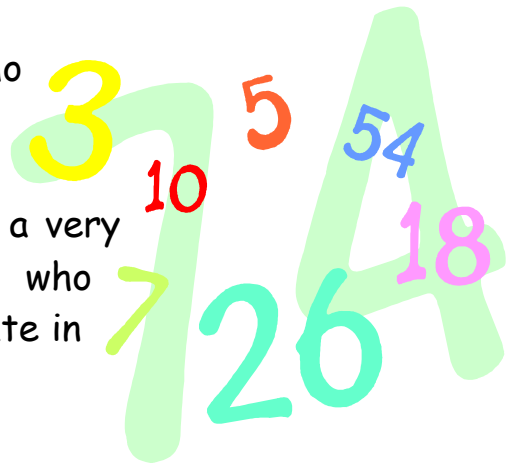
### Parking Update

I am sure you will have all spotted the no parking cones on specific areas of the road directly outside school. They were placed by the police, and we are in full support of the attempt to make the area safer for our children. Thank you for helping us look after our children.



## Maths Challenge Results

Congratulations to the year 6 children who entered the Wellington School Maths Challenge on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 32 schools, which is a very creditable achievement. The children who entered will be presented with a certificate in assembly.



## Don't be late!

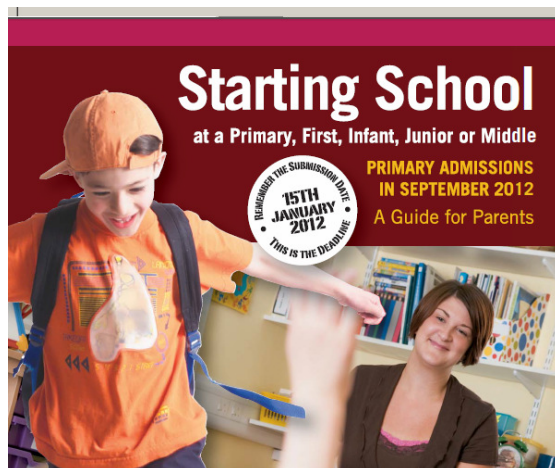
This is just a reminder that school starts at 8:50 in the morning, not 9:00. We seem to be getting a large number of children arriving late each day at present, and I will be discussing this with our Education Attendance Officer in my next meeting with her. You will be aware that we send home letters for children who have a high level of absence; we will be discussing if letters also need to be sent to those who are regularly late to school. We are obviously aware that on occasions we are all late for things; however it is very disruptive to classes when children arrive late for school, and the start of the day is a very important time for all children, both socially and educationally.



## But don't be early either!!

Please **do not** drop your children off at school before 8:40 in the morning. If you choose to do this please ensure that you see your child into the playground through the playground gate before you leave. A member of staff will be on duty in the playground from 8:40, but not before this time. Please help us to make the start of the day safe for all our children.

## Starting School in September 2012?



If you have a child who is due to start in September 2012, the deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2012**. You can apply online or by using the application form within the "starting school" booklet. If you need help filling in the form please phone the helpline on **0845 4564038**.

## Christmas Carol Concert Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011

You will have received a letter by now letting you know the details of our annual Christmas Carol Concert next week. The children have been rehearsing hard, and this year we will be featuring our reception children in a crib scene at the church. Please try to make it to the event if you can, as we need as many people as possible to make it a success. Those of you who attended the opening of the new Village hall will have seen what our children are capable of, and I am sure we can do even better next week!

You will have read in the letter that the FOCS have very kindly offered to make the event even more special by offering free food for the children back at school after the carol concert, so I look forward to seeing as many as possible of you there!



## Christmas Websites

Here are a few websites that you might want to share with your children in the days leading up to Christmas.

<http://primarygames.com/holidays/christmas/games.htm>

<http://www.northpole.com/>

<http://www.woojr.com/christmas/>

<http://www.santagames.net/santa/intro.htm>

<http://www.noradsanta.org/en/>

You will find games, craft ideas and stories to keep the children occupied. The last link takes you to a website where you can track Santa's progress on Christmas Eve! Whilst we would recommend these specific sites, please be aware that some sites contain "pop-ups" which can take you away from the site to other websites. Some websites also contain sponsored advertising links, which we do not endorse.

**And finally, a big thank you!!**

Thank you all so much for helping make our Christmas Fair such a huge success last week. It was my first Cossington School Christmas Fair and I was so impressed with the ideas for stalls that the children came up with. We hoped to have raised in excess of £270 for school funds.

