

5<sup>th</sup> December 2008

## PFA CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

The Christmas gift sale will be held on the morning Thursday 11 December. The children really enjoy choosing and buying gifts for the family, which will range from £1 to £2.50. Could you please send some money in on Thursday morning (in change if possible). We may have to limit the number of gifts per child so that everyone gets a chance to buy. If you have any unwanted gifts we could re-sell, could you please send them into the school. We will try and ensure you don't get them back!



The PFA would really welcome volunteers help display and wrap the gifts, just come along on the morning from 9.00 am onwards or ring Wendy O'Hara on 01708 640820.

There will be a **Staff Inset Day on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

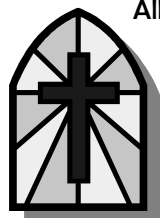
Last day at school is 19<sup>th</sup> December - Pupils return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.



## SHOEBOX UPDATE

Thank you to all who sent in items, whole boxes and money to support the shoebox appeal. The school managed to collect a fantastic 122 boxes which will all go to disadvantaged children around the world. At the special assembly, our children watched a DVD which explained why we collect the boxes and who will receive the gifts.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



All parents are invited to share our Carol Concert on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. It will take place as last year, at **St Joseph's Church, Champion Road, Upminster RM14 2SY** (behind St Josephs School, which is on St Mary's Lane, near the central traffic light). You can take your child home afterwards. Our buses will leave the church at 2.45pm on that day so if your child is coming home by bus, expect them up to **45 minutes earlier** than usual. **Please ensure that someone is at home to receive them.** Children who are usually picked up from the school will be returned to school on our minibus and can be collected (from school) at around 3pm.

**We cannot allow any videoing or photos during the service but there will be opportunities to take photos at the end.**



## CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU - £1.80

*Roast Turkey or Roasted Quorn Fillet  
Chipolata Sausage  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Roast Potatoes  
Vegetables of the Day  
Gravy  
Juice Cuplet Drink  
Christmas Treat*

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- Christmas Singing Assembly – 1.30pm Wed 10<sup>th</sup> December – **Parents Invited**
- Christmas Gift Sale – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Remember to send in money for gifts (see above for details)
- Christmas Dinner – Tues 16<sup>th</sup> December (see above for details)
- Father Christmas Visits CTS – Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Carol Service – 1.30pm Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm- **Parents Invited** (See above info)
- Non-Uniform Day – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December
- Last Day of Term – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December

## GARDENING CLUB

We are setting up a lunchtime gardening club to start in the Spring. If you have any spare equipment (trowels, hand forks, watering cans, etc. they would be gratefully appreciated. Please any items in to school via buses/escorts to Sean Loveday or Sarah Long. Thank you.