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Silverhill Primary School Newsletter

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2009

As 2009 draws to a close I thought I would reflect on the progress and achievements made by the school. So much has happened it would be impossible to recall everything but I have tried to pick out the highlights of the year.

After a great deal of planning, negotiation, sponsorship and fundraising the pond and Trim Trail are now in place. The children are gaining a great deal of pleasure from using both of these resources as well as increasing their knowledge of pond wildlife.

The PTFA have continued to work tirelessly raising funds for the school to support the development of the Grounds for Change Project. We will continue to develop our grounds next year with an imaginative play area and sensory garden. I would like to thank all the members of the PTFA for their incredible efforts in organising such a range of functions as every event takes a huge amount of planning and commitment of time.

The school has once again hosted the heateachers from our link schools in Mumbai, India and Mrs Freeston and Miss Gallagher visited the schools in July this year. Pupils and staff have certainly benefited from the exchange of visits and the curriculum has been enriched and adapted to make the most of this personal global contact. We look forward to continuing to learn from each other and strengthen the links with our schools.

All the pupils have been given the opportunity to explore learning at first hand through a range of visits, some for the day and others as a residential visit. I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed their time away from home and I would like to thank all staff who have attended residential visits as a great deal of organising and planning goes on behind the scenes, not least how our own families are catered for while we are away!

The children have been involved in many health initiatives such as anti bullying week, sports competitions, running their own sporting lunchtime activities and of course the very lively Take Ten morning sessions. Thank you to all the parents who join in - your support is much appreciated and we hope you enjoy the exercise first thing in the morning.

We consider ourselves to be so fortunate to have such strong parental support at Silverhill. I would particularly like to thank all the parents who come into school to help the children with their learning on a regular basis. It really is very much appreciated.

These are some of the highlights of the year. The children continue to be a delight to teach and their outstanding behaviour is commented upon by all who visit the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff (teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, lunchtime staff and cleaning staff) who work with great dedication, enthusiasm and loyalty to provide your children with the best possible learning experience and environment. I would like to thank the governors for all their help and the time that they devote to making school a better, more efficient place and yourselves for supporting the children and staff in all that they do.

On behalf of the staff and governors I wish you all a Merry Christmas and every happiness in the year ahead.

Kate Nash, Headteacher



DINNER MONEY

Christmas Dinner was a great success but there are still quite a few pupils who have not paid. Mrs Gratton has sent a reminder letter to everyone who owes some Dinner Money. Please check your child's Book Bag to see if you have one! Please arrange to pay any amount outstanding on the first day back after the holiday.

REMINDER - Website/Newsletter

The school website can be viewed at www.silverhill.co.uk
Each Friday the newsletter is updated and lots of information about the school is added. If you do not have access to the internet please can you inform Mrs Crofts in the school office and she will make sure you receive a paper copy of the newsletter.



YEAR 3 / 4 GYM CLUB

All children who have returned a slip for the Year 3 / 4 Gym Club have been given a place. The Club begins on Thursday, 7th January.

INSET DAYS

REMINDER - Monday, 4th January 2010 is an INSET day, therefore children return to school after the Christmas holiday on Tuesday, 5th January.

We have also arranged another INSET day for Monday, 22nd February. Children will return to school after the half-term holiday on Tuesday, 23rd February.