

## Coming Up

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January** : Governor's Meeting in school from 5.00 p.m.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January** : Class Three visit Bamford Retreat Centre

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January** : Bags 2 School are coming to collect the blue bags this morning. Last chance to clear out those cupboards!

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** : Class Three are leading us in a Mass for the Feast of Candelmas. All welcome at 9.15 a.m. in school. Beaumanor Hall meeting for parents and children at 3.45 p.m. in school the same day.

## RESTORATION!

Work has begun on a major project to restore the altar and rood area of Holy Rood Church which is just over 100 years old and possibly the most beautiful building in Barnsley. The work is being undertaken by a team of experts and Father Boyle is launching a 'Restoration Fund' to help pay for the work. The parish is aiming to raise £50,000 and the school would like to do its part to help. We will never forget the great generosity of the parish in taking second collections for our new classroom and we will be doing special events to do our bit to help. Classes 3 and 4 will be doing an extra performance of Joseph for the parish in the church hall in May. If you look on the church website :

<http://www.barnsley.catholicweb.com/>

you can see fascinating pictures of the work that has already begun. More information as we get it.

**Congratulations:** To Lewis Hamer in class five who entered the Holocaust Memorial Day Schools Competition for 2010 and came runner up! Lewis and his parents have now been invited to the Town Hall to receive his prize from the Deputy Mayor. Lewis wins the special award this week ~ a double celebration!

**Planting:** Due to the snow the planned planting up of the playground had to be postponed but has now been done. For the horticulturalists among you the banking has been planted with a mixture of Euonymus (evergreen ground cover) and Ceanothus (blue flowers in summer)

with Clematis Montana (pink or white flowers in May) as a backdrop to cover the fencing. In a few years it will be like the hanging gardens of Babylon!



## Friends News

**Friends Disco** ~ The friends would like to thank everyone who came along to the disco in the church hall on Saturday and also to all those who helped. Details of monies raised to follow.

**Enrolment Sunday** ~ Well done to everyone concerned with the enrolment of 20 children for their first Holy Communion yesterday during 9.30 Mass when the children received their red sashes. An important part of these and the Confirmation candidates' preparation is coming to Mass on Sundays and wearing either their green or red sashes. If you can make that extra effort you will find God will never be outdone in generosity.

## \*\*Star Children! \*\*

Congratulations to the following children for receiving stickers in the last two assemblies...

**Y1 : Jasmin Harvey** ~ for being very calm under pressure!

**Y2 : Sophie Walker** ~ excellent results in passing her flute exam.

**Y3 : Jack Hubbard Barton** ~ for doing really well with his number work.

**Y4 : James Daly** ~ excellent drama work in literacy.

**Y5 : Ted Fallon** ~ for being very brave during the weekly fire alarm tests. Ted also gets the special award to keep for a week!

**Y6 : Kate McNicholas** ~ for super work in fractions.

### Last Friday...

**Y1 : Kate Preston** ~ for trying hard in phonics.

**Y2 : Harry Ellis** ~ for writing a good riddle!

**Y3 : Megan Deighton** ~ for excellent work in P.E.

**Y4 : Grace Hartill** ~ consistently working hard and improving her handwriting.

**Y5 : Joseph Martini** ~ for much improved handwriting.

**Y6 : Morgan Scully** ~ for a superb E Safety poster

And to Joseph Wilson and Isaac Drumgoon (both Y3) for reaching **20 team points**.

**Foundation Stage Show:** Closing date to pay for the tickets for the trip on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February was the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Any unpaid tickets will now be allocated to parents who wished to come. Thank you.

**Cloakroom refurbishments:** Governors met recently and gave approval for work to go ahead to refurbish the two cloakrooms and toilets off the hall. This work will take place as soon as the builders have the materials they need which will either be February half term or Easter holidays.

### Joke for the Week ...

Did you hear the joke about the bed?  
Sorry, it hasn't been made up yet!



Thank you for reading this newsletter,  
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