

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING!.....

November 17<sup>th</sup> 2011

Dear Parents

The weeks are flying past as Christmas approaches! Just a quick update on recent and future events here at Raphael.....

## **ASSESSMENTS and PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS**

Assessments for all Senior pupils have been sent home, and staff were pleased to meet S10 parents at this week's Parents' consultations. There will be Primary Parents' Consultations on 29<sup>th</sup> November to discuss academic progress and your child's attainment levels.

## **EXAMINATIONS**

In the week beginning November 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be mock GCSE examinations for S11 in all their subjects, and for S9 and S10 in the subjects which they are taking for GCSE next June 2012. Staff may also run general assessments for other pupils; the pupils will be told if they are to expect an exam or assessment during that week. Please encourage your child to be well organised and prepared during that time.

## **CHARITY AND INTERHOUSE EVENTS**

We will be supporting the local cancer charity "Mark McCarthy's Magic Moments" this year. The Upper Seniors are organising a Charity event for S7 –S11 to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – details to follow. Some fierce House competition coming up as during the last week of term, there will be Senior Inter-House Table Tennis and Whole School Inter-House General Knowledge competitions to look forward to!

## **WORLD DAY**

The Primary Department enjoyed a fantastic day last week as they went round the globe on our "World Day". Their costumes looked fantastic, and the Primary staff were great sports to wear costumes for the day! Thanks to so many of you who joined us for the parade and food tasting in the afternoon, we hope you too had a lovely time.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Mrs Strickland organised a Senior assembly last week for Remembrance Day, during which we had a chance to see the work of the British Legion, and to observe two minutes silence. It is always a very humbling occasion, and the pupils were impeccably behaved. The Primary children were also a credit to themselves as they too observed a perfect two minute silence in the playground on Friday. We sold poppies in School, with all proceed going to support the work of the British Legion.

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

You should have all received a letter with information on the Christmas Fayre to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Many thanks to all of you who have already offered help on the day, or are able to donate items to be raffled. Please let the office know if you are able to help, or indeed to run a stall of your own. All family and friends are warmly welcomed and I do hope the event will be great success and a super afternoon for the Raphael community.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Just a reminder that as per my recent letter, there will be no after school available from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December inclusive. Again, apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

24<sup>th</sup> November – Travel For London to talk to J5/6 about safe travel

28<sup>th</sup> November – Exam week

29<sup>th</sup> November – Primary Parents' Consultations

30<sup>th</sup> December – P2 trip to London

1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Fayre 2.30pm

5<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at Romford Evangelical Church 2.15pm

7<sup>th</sup> December – E15 Acting School to present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to S9, S10 and S11

9<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Production "Ralph the Reindeer" 2pm – tickets on sale from the office (£4.00)

12<sup>th</sup> December – Inter-House General Knowledge Quizzes, Primary Party and entertainer

13<sup>th</sup> December – Senior Charity Day, visit to Southend Pantomime

14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner, end of term for all at 3.25pm.

A very busy time to look forward to!

**Kind Regards**

**Mrs Lawrence**