

## Dates for your diary:

### December

15 - Christmas Parties  
16 - Cake Sale 4RL  
Term Ends

### January

4 January - School Improvement Planning [INSET - school closed to children]  
5 - Children return to school  
6 - School Bank  
6 - Coffee Morning  
13 - School Bank  
19 - Parents' Forum [7-9]  
23 - Maths Week  
24 - Maths Workshop [7-9]  
27 - School Bank  
27 - Maths Open Day

### February

13 - Half Term

### March

13-16 - Y5 in York  
29 - Parents' Evening

### INSET DAYS

23 April - TBC  
3 May - TBC

My many thanks to those of you who have had the opportunity to complete and return the questionnaires that we gave out on Parents' Evening. These give us really valuable feedback for how we are performing and the areas that we may need to develop further.

So far, the results are very positive. Everyone agrees that their children are happy at school, with 80% of those responding agreeing strongly. Similarly 100% of responses agree that their child feels safe at school, with again 80% strongly agreeing. Everyone would also agree that the school takes good care of the children, with the vast majority strongly agreeing once more. 93% of responses agree that their child makes good progress with us, which is evenly spread between agreeing and strongly agreeing. 86% were happy with the information received about that progress.

In terms of the school's leadership, 100% felt that the school was well led. 66% agreed that concerns raised were well responded to, with 7% disagreeing and the remainder not sure. In this category some of the comments seemed to indicate that those parents had had no need to raise a concern with the school.

All in all, these responses led the survey to conclude that 93% of respondees would recommend us to a friend.

For those of you still wanting to take part in this survey, it can be found on the Homepage of the website, following the link, [Parental Views 2011 Questionnaire](#). We hope that you can find the time in the coming days to have a look at and complete this short but essential survey.

Another way that we receive regular feedback is through the online [Parents' Forum](#). This also gives parents the opportunity to discuss ideas amongst themselves in an open and honest way. This is exactly what we have set it up for and we have already been able to develop policies around water in classes, Home-School Diaries and communication.

## Thought for the week

*Is it better to give or receive?*

However, I would just remind parents that this should be done in a gentle way where the problem is discussed and not the people. This is not the place to vent frustrations nor attack individuals. Should anyone feel this passionately about a subject they should contact the school individually, not publicly declaim those responsible. As the questionnaires indicate, we deal with these concerns reasonably, fairly and effectively. Any such inappropriate comments will be deleted.

Have a good weekend!  
Mark

## DESTINY AFRICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR / KAMPALA CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Many thanks to everyone who sent in items to be donated to Kampala Children's Centre - your kindness is much appreciated.

## YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Year 4 Children will be selling Calendars, which they themselves have designed and created, at the Christmas Fair this Friday. Reasonably priced at £10 this calendar is an ideal Christmas gift for family and friends. Please visit our stall and support the children in this project.

Calendars can also be ordered using the slip at the bottom of the letter which your child will be bringing home this week. However, all orders must be received before Wednesday 14th December.



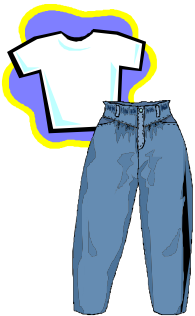
## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Next week on Thursday 15 December we will be holding our Christmas parties in school. The school will provide all food and drink and the disco. Children need to come to school in the morning in their school uniforms but bring party clothes to change into at lunch time. Please make sure your child is wearing suitable footwear.



## LOST PROPERTY

Please check lost property as any unclaimed items will be given to charity over the Christmas holidays if it hasn't been collected.



## Spanish Words of the Week - Season's Greetings

i Feliz Navidad ! (Merry Christmas)  
i Feliz Año Nuevo ! (Happy New Year)

