

## Catherington Infant School Association



① 'Individual' artwork Calendars



② 'Petrol Station / Garage' Shed  
"Work in Progress"

# CISA Winter 2008 Newsletter

## Dear Parents and Teachers

*Welcome to our second CISA newsletter! We have been busier than ever organising some fantastic events for both the children and adults!. We hope you've enjoyed yourselves!*

Our latest recycling initiatives were an easy way to fundraise. We are still waiting to hear how much money the recycled jewellery made. We received 29 unwanted/old mobile phones which gave us a profit of £72.50  
The winner of the 'Jewellery Recycling' MP3 prize draw was Ben Meechan, from Rabbits. Well done!

In late November we held our Adults Christmas Shopping evening. We had lots of shoppers attend and there were many great suppliers with offers and discounts to take advantage of. Thanks to those of you who came along to shop, help and to support us. This fun evening raised a fabulously festive £308!

The autumn campaign of Yellow Moon orders has been counted and we are awaiting our commission cheque!

The Children had a wonderful time buying and wrapping their Christmas presents at the Children's Christmas shopping day. Also, fun was had by all who came along to our Christmas Fair last weekend. We were very honoured to have a brief visit from Father Christmas and one of his elves! Our thanks to all who donated items to these events. We will keep you up to date with all money raised and it's intended use.

As you know, these events would not be possible without the precious spare time given by CISA Parents (& families), Teachers and Governors who all put in SO much effort, You know who you are, **so... THANK YOU.**

### Children's Christmas Shopping Day

What a wonderful time the children had choosing and wrapping their presents in our Children's Shopping Day, where our school hall became Catherington's very own department store!

We had a huge selection of fantastic gifts to buy and the children were very excited to be able to take home their 'surprise' gifts for their family members to open on Christmas Day! We hope you love the gift your child chose for you!

\* Bradley, one of our 'happy shoppers' with local PCSO Debbie Neesham who came along with colleague PCSO Veal to help the children with their shopping  
Thanks to everyone who helped on the day!



### Picture headlines

① We had a small team of 'elves' working on the production of this years CISA calendars. Many an hour was spent copying, laminating and binding the beautiful artwork provided by the children. Hope you like them!

② You have probably seen the development of the playground shed which has been transformed over the past few weeks into a 'play' petrol station /repair garage for the children. The materials and labour were a gift to the school from CISA to compliment the 'soon-to-be-installed' wooden petrol pumps. Also, our very helpful friends at Horndean Technology College kindly provided us with all of the wonderful laser cut lettering and adornments used in the design. Our grateful thanks to Andy Gray (Assistant Head) and his team!



Turn over for more news from this term...



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## Did you know.....?

It took a staggering 50 hours just to organise the Children's Christmas Shopping Day! Jobs included collecting/buying/wrapping/sorting/setting up/selling etc. All of this work carried out for just 1 event, by a few very kind and dedicated Mums & Dads and ALL UNPAID!!!

❶ After Christmas we plan to continue our recycling programme, this will involve the collection of unwanted clothing (lots required as the collecting company pay by the ton!) also, an unwanted foreign money appeal. So remember, if you do have anything like this which you may soon be throwing away, please hang on! Thanks.

## Are YOU interested?



We are still hoping some of you may be interested in shadowing some of our existing CISA board members. You will not be required to "take over", just learning a bit about the running of the annual events will help with the changeover of members at the end of the school year. Please consider it!

## Important dates for your diary...

Christmas Meal	<b>TONIGHT!</b>	Arrive 7pm for 7:30 start	see you there . . . .
First day back at School	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 09'	Happy New Year!	
CISA Friday 'catch-up' Meeting	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 09'	2pm til' pick-up	Rainbow Room
CISA Evening meeting	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 09'	7:30pm onwards	School Hall
CISA Friday 'catch up' meeting	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 09'	2pm til' pick-up	Rainbow Room
Easter Fair	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 09'	10am-12pm	Whole School

*\*Any "extra" activities organised after this newsletter going to press will be advertised accordingly*

As always, posters and/or letters will be circulated prior to these events with more specific information. Please try and come along to support us and join in the fun. Remember, Family and Friends are more than welcome at our Fairs and events. The more the merrier! \*Should you be interested in helping at our events please put your name on the relevant list / let Jenny know in person or via the CISA Post-box. Look out for 'Helper lists' which will be available (as always) in Reception prior to any forthcoming event!



## HO HO HO!...

This years Christmas gifts given to the children of each class by CISA were:-

### Rabbits

A large selection of multicultural role-play food



### Squirrels

A selection of durable Boys & Girls dressing-up clothes



### Owls

'Georello' 3D mechanical construction systems and wooden doll family



**We hope the children enjoy using their presents!**

## Last but by no means least...

What a hectic but fun time we have had this term. We've worked really hard and hope you have enjoyed everything we have offered over the past 7 weeks.

Once again we would like to thank Governor Daniel Toms for organising colour copies of our newsletter. And my personal thanks to all the staff for their vital help in accommodating our regular demands!

Whether you have been a helper or a visitor to any of our events, your support is vital and greatly appreciated. We hope you all enjoy the Christmas break and would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year!!!

*Jenny*

and all of  
the CISA  
team x x

