



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2009

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the nativity on Tuesday. It was absolutely delightful and the children did so well remembering words and songs. What a lovely start to Christmas!

As you know, Helen is leaving to have a baby and move to Essex. We all wish her well, although we will miss her here at Padbury. We have though secured her replacement and Mrs Rosemary Knight will be joining us from the start of next term. Rosemary is the vicar's wife from Steeple Claydon and has a wealth of experience teaching younger children. She will be covering the class 2 days a week whilst Karen develops her leadership role.

It is with regret that I also have to inform you that Debbie White, our classroom assistant, will be leaving at the end of this term for personal reasons. We wish her well in the future and thank her enormously for all the hard work and support she has given Padbury over the last 18 months. We have employed a lady from Winslow, Mrs Caroline Simmons, to take over this role. Mrs Simmons is very enthusiastic and is looking forward to starting at Padbury in the New Year.

Several people have asked what has become of the improvements to the outdoor play area! It is still going to happen, but building regulations are holding up the plans. As soon as I have the 'go-ahead' it will be done; hopefully this will be early in the New Year.

At this time of year the weather often turns nasty, so I thought it prudent to remind you of the procedures we follow if we have to close the school at short notice for any reason. We will instigate the emergency telephone cascade and you will be contacted by a member of staff or a member of the Governing Body, who will advise you of the closure. Information will also be available via the Bucks County Council website by clicking on the Closures browser on the Schools page <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/schools/schools.page> and also on MIX 96 radio.

May I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday, 5th January 2010.**

Judith Foster

Acting Headteacher

17th December 2009

