

GATEWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2011 SECOND HALF TERM

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

John 8:12

WELCOME BACK

We have had a good start to the academic year, and it looks as though everyone has settled in well and is dealing well with the changes, and (despite some minor teething problems ☺) we have seen God's blessing on us.

There is SO MUCH going on before Christmas, so please take note of the Diary page: Outings, rehearsals, performances and other celebrations. I am also sending with this newsletter edition a sheet with the term dates for the next academic year, as I am aware that some of you have to book their holidays with their employers. Please note the change to the summer half term break. I apologise if the alteration is causing you hassles. Should there be any more changes we will let you know immediately.

We have made a major step forward, which is that we will be providing a 'Rise and Shine' before-school care facility at Nursery for pre-school aged children. Although this is not very busy at this stage, we felt that it is a move in the right direction. Please, keep this project in your prayers, and 'spread the word' to anyone who might be interested. Thank you.

God bless you and your family.

Corinna Walters (Head Teacher)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 5 th November	Bonfire 6pm Rectory Field
Mon, 7 th – Fri, 11 th November	New Zealand project week
Friday, 18 th November	Junior Outing to Wroxeter Roman Villa
Thursday, 1 st December	Christmas lights switch on Dale Abbey
Wednesday, 7 th December	School Christmas Service with performance of The Three Kings 9.30am Stanton Church
Thursday, 8 th December	Michaelmass Christmas Production Performance 2.30pm Old School Stanton-by-Dale
Tuesday, 13 th December	School Outing to Derby Museum in the morning
Wednesday, 14 th December	Break up for Christmas
Thursday, 5 th January 2012	Back to School

TERM DATES

Break up for Christmas	Wednesday, 14 th December
Return after Christmas	Thursday, 5 th January
Break up for Half Term	Friday, 10 th February

NURSERY NEWS

Our preschool care, Rise & Shine, will start this week. Let your friends know that we can now offer this extra help.

The Nursery has started this half term, with a joyous celebration of All Saint's Day and remembering the fun of the fair! These annual events are important to stimulate our work and conversations...as we ponder, design, build, remember and reflect. We look forward to the colour and excitement of Bonfire night and will play dice games as we learn how our community friends celebrate Divali. There will also be lots of opportunities for food along the way!

This terms focus in our topic, is Light. We are looking at different parts of the day and its activities. Do find something for the Interest table to help with this. We are also going to create a 'museum' with your help...a selection of old forms of lighting, and any multicultural treasures; lamps etc that have come home from your travels. Start looking! We hope there may be a visit as well...details to follow.

Our home corner is an exploration, both scientifically and creatively of space, with stories and activities to run alongside. Don't forget, if your child has a game, toy or book etc on a space theme and is **willing to share it** then please name it and bring for the corner.

Many of our physical activities will focus on how we keep warm! and the changes to our body while we do so.

The Staff are always available to answer any queries you may have! If it looks busy, please ring us later or leave a message in the Staff box that you would like a chat.

Charlotte Holwell (Nursery Supervisor)