

# Maidstone Infant School - Newsletter December 2009

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Thank you all very much for your donations for Children in Need. We raised a total of £123.51 for a very worthwhile cause.



The School Nursing team have asked us to let you know that they offer a drop in service on Wednesday afternoons at Felixstowe Community Hospital between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. They will also be holding Drop-In sessions at the Oaks Children's Centre (Grange School grounds) on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January – 3.15-4.15 p.m, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.15-4.15 p.m and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 3.15-4.15 p.m. Please feel free to call in and talk to them about any concerns you have about your child.



The system for assessing income for Housing benefit entitlement has recently changed and you may be entitled to Housing Benefit. From 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009, child benefit will be disregarded as part of your income. For example this means for a family of 3 £46.40 of income will be disregarded when assessing a claim for this means tested benefit. More information is available from Customer Services on 01394 444838.



There is a Pre-planning Consultation evening on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, at Orwell High school from 5pm – 8pm as part of the design process for the new High school in Felixstowe. The 'drop in' session will allow you as parents to contribute your views on the design prior to planning permission. If you are unable to attend this event displays will be in the Orwell school entrance from 5<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December.



A few Christmas reminders – Christmas dinner is on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** for those who have pre-booked a meal. All other children **must bring a packed lunch**. Please pay only £8.00 for school dinners next week which must be paid on Monday.

If your child brings Christmas Cards to school there is a post box outside Mrs Girling's office to post them in. Please make sure you put the child's name and **class name** on the envelope for sorting purposes.

We will be collecting at the Concerts this week for the 'East Anglian Children's Hospice'. Any donations for the collection would be very much appreciated.

School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010**. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.