



We honour God through our actions  
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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER**  
 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of our school



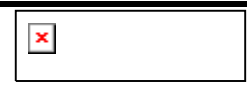
**Our School Mass for Candlemas** was celebrated with us by Fr. Jonathan Shaddock. It was a truly beautiful occasion. Thank you to all who helped and celebrated this with us.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> celebrates the presentation of Jesus by his mother and Joseph in the temple in Jerusalem where thanks would have been offered to God for the baby. When Simeon the High Priest saw Mary, Joseph and Jesus he knew that the baby was the Christ, the long awaited Messiah. He took the child in his arms and praised God saying that the child was 'a light in the world to lighten the lives of both Jews and non Jews'. (Luke 2:22-38)

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> Christians celebrate Candlemas Day when candles to be used throughout the church year are blessed. In some churches, candles are given to the congregation at a special service and these are lit and carried around the church in procession to signify Jesus as the 'Light of the World'. There are also some ancient superstitions connected with Candlemas Day. Some people took the candles they had received in church to their homes in the belief that the light would keep them from harm.

Dear God

Thank you for making us. Help us to love others so that our care for them shines as a good example and gives hope and love in the world. Amen.



Our SEAL target this week is 'I can set and achieve my goals.'

**SHELTER BOX FOR HAITI**



Shelter Box is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide  
**From our MUFTI day, cake sales and raffle we have raised £450 to date. We only need another £40.00 to reach the target of £490, which will buy one shelter box. If anyone wishes to make any further donations, please call into the school office. A Shelterbox representative will be here to collect our donations next Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**PARISH TALKS**

These will continue each Tuesday evening at 7pm for a 7.15pm start in school next week. All welcome.

**ASSISTANCE WITH PURCHASING COMPUTERS**

We have received more information that may help those families that would have been above the threshold for a successful application, but still unable to fund equipment for their children as the family income is still relatively low. Grant money is now available for supporting such families, above the Home Access threshold but below an annual household income of £27,000. This could facilitate a 50% grant against similar equipment as provided under Home Access. Further information can be found from [www.gotoourplace.com/elf](http://www.gotoourplace.com/elf)



**ATTENDANCE CUP**

**Week Ending 29th January 2010**

Reception	94.5%
Class 1	92.8%
Class 2	92.4%
Class 3/4	96.3%
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
Class 6	95.2%

**Well done Class 5**

**Uniform Teddy Award = Class 1**  
**Number Smart Award = Alec in Class 2**