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### Christmas play at school

The teachers will be presenting the Oberufer Shepherds Play on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of December at school at 4 p.m. All families and friends are warmly invited. On this day school will finish at 12.15. **It is essential that parents sit with their children during the performance.** There will also be a second performance at 7.30.

Marie-Reine for the teachers

Candle Dipping	96.80
Books	150.65
Treasure Hunt	28.21
Candle Decorating	12
WOW	72.82
Home Produce	216
Café	415.07
Stars	15
Puppet Show	61.89

Total £2458.09

Well done everyone. This was a really successful and satisfying event!

### Phoenix Update: (sent in by Stacey Darell)

The Phoenix Project (a Steiner based educational project for adolescents aged 14 to 16) is getting all geared up for its start in York in September 2008. A core teacher has joined the project and curriculum development is underway. Fundraising has begun with the launching of the Friends of Phoenix, grant writing is progressing and there are some interesting and hopeful leads on premises. There will be a meeting, open to all, on December 6, 2007 in the Meeting Room at York Steiner School, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This meeting will focus on policies. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Jacky Miles (01904 431465) or Susan Peters Corbett (01904 656864).

### **Become a Friend of Phoenix**

*The Phoenix Project* is an initiative started by parents of children in the present York Steiner School to develop schooling for adolescents aged 14-16. Although a Steiner-based endeavour, it will of course differ from the present Steiner School. It will be more appropriate for teenagers. It will be based on research conducted by

### Kindergarten festival

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Parents and friends are welcome at 10am. We will finish in time to join the carol singing at the main school at 11.45.

ALL kindergarten children should come, at the normal time, (even if it is not their day)

Barbro

### End of school Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

School will finish at 12.15 after carol singing in the hall at 11.45 – all parents and friends invited.

### Shepherds' Play in Saltburn

The play went really well on Saturday in Saltburn's Community Theatre. This was a new venue and a new audience and so the format might have been a bit of a surprise to some but the play was very well received. Thanks to Julie for doing all the hard work arranging this.

Kathryn Shaw

<b>Advent Fair</b>	£
Waffles	231
Craft	663.70
Ginger B House	108
Raffle	67.95
Commissions (10%)	170
Gnome Gardens	67.52
Tombola	100.75
Star Fishing	53.55

members of the Phoenix Project into other successful post-14 projects around the country. There WILL be a class starting in September 2008 but for *The Phoenix Project* to start strongly, be sustainable, and be affordable to most, we need support now. With support we can make **long-term** plans and demonstrate to charities and funding agencies that we have enough community interest to be worth their investments.

Support this endeavour by becoming a "Friend" or more:

- \*\*Yearly "Friend" membership for a family £25.00 (the equivalent of 50p a week)
- \*\*Be an "Upstart", give a start-up gift of £50.00 (less than £1 a week for a year)
- \*\*Become a "Sentinel" for a year £100.00 (only £2 a week)
- \*\*Become a "Guardian" of Phoenix £250 per year for 4 years (then we know we have something to count on)
- \*\*Be "idiosyncratic" and give a gift that suits you - either big or small, it will be very welcome.

If you wish to become a "Friend" please fill in the form on the reverse side. We will keep you updated on the progress of the project and related issues.

Thank you.

Whether or not you become a "Friend" at this time, please spread the word about *The Phoenix Project* and let us know about resources or people who might be interested.

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## WebSite News

Drop by to the website to see and a lovely photo of the advent garden submitted by Veeree Gongthong.

If anyone has photos from the advent fair to submit for the website please email me from the website.

From the downloads section you can get the old couriers, maps, photos, and even the Ofsted report.

Oh yes, and the site has a new green look, the school logo, and a Waldorf font title.

There is now a private login page for parents and teachers. It contains the Who's Who, the contact list, and more. It will in the future contain the parent's handbook and other resources. What would you like to see there?

Username: parents

Password: mozart

Also check out the news page and the downloads page as they are regularly updated.

Lee

## Calendar

**Christmas holidays:** 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.-8<sup>th</sup> Jan inclusive: ie return Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Blitz Clean: Saturday 5/ 1/ 08**

Class 1/2: Carol Burnham

**Coordinators' Meeting**

Botton Farm: Monday 14 January 2008

**Craft Group:** Thursdays 8.45 Botton Farm

**Eurythmy Classes:** Thursdays 8.45 School Hall

**Anthroposophical group:** Jan.18th, Feb.15th, Feb.29th, Apr.25th, May 9th, June 6th.

**Half Term:** 11-15 Feb

**Eskdale Trust Council:** Tuesdays at 20.00:  
26 Feb, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June.

**Letter inserting:** March

**Parents' Meetings**

Tuesdays at 20.00:

11 Mar Class 3/4    18 Mar Class 7/8

22 Apr Class 1/2    29 Apr Class 5/6

13 May Class 7/8

**Botton School Christmas play**

17 Dec 4pm                    afternoon performance

17 Dec 7:30pm                evening performance

Thank you again to Catherine Hollis who types all the hand written articles... Please send them in good time...

Also to Kathryn Shaw who collates and distributes.

**Next Copy date:** 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Please send handwritten articles to Marie-Reine Adams or to the school, and you can also email articles from the website or from the address at the top of the courier.

**Happy Christmas to everyone!**

Lee and Marie-Reine