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**"Mother Goose" - Hurricane Theatre Company:** This performance for Nursery and Reception children had to be cancelled due to the bad weather. It has been rearranged for **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010**. Please ensure Nursery Afternoon children come in to school for this morning performance. **There will be no Afternoon Nursery on the 19<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Dramatic News!!!!** The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy and its team of actor-teachers are happy to tell you of the dynamic drama classes for your children being held in your own school.

The Helen O'Grady educational drama programme concentrates on speech, movement to music, and both scripted and improvised drama. The fun programme encourages good communication skills and self-confidence and the development of creative skills and a strong imagination.

**\*\*\*Special Introductory Offer\*\*\***

We are offering a free introductory lesson to new students. Please come along and we will issue an enrolment form at the class. The new term started on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

2010. The classes are from 3.30 - 4.30pm for KS1 and 4.30 - 5.30pm for KS2. For more information please call Maja Lewis on 020 8350 5195, or come along to join.

**Children's**

**Hats/Scarves/Gloves/Wellington Boots:** Please make sure all these items are *clearly labelled with your child's name on*. If lost, please come in to school to look for them in the lost property baskets.

**Hearing Tests:** Reception children will be having hearing tests in school starting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**Lateness:** You will be aware that children have a legal entitlement to a certain number of hours of education each day. It is the school's duty to ensure that every child receives their entitlement and that if a child is absent from school, the reason for the absence is valid and unavoidable. It is the parent's duty to ensure that their child attends school on time, as lateness is classed as an absence.

The entry time for KS1 children is 8.50am and the teaching time for Y1 and Y2 starts promptly at 9.00am. Any child who is not in the classroom by 8.55am, ready for the first lesson, is deemed to be late and parents have a duty to sign

the late book, giving a valid reason for the late arrival. This is followed up in the first instance by our Attendance Officer, and subsequently by the Education Welfare Officer who works with the school, and families, to help overcome any problems which may be contributing to the late arrival of the child.

It has been noted by the Local Authority that this school has a high incidence of both lateness and other absences from school which includes medical and dental appointments which should take place after the end of the school day, if at all possible. We are therefore asking for your cooperation in making sure that all children are in school on time and that they are only absent if they are not well enough to attend school. Our procedures are scrutinised and questioned by both the Local Authority and Ofsted, when they visit, so if you are asked to sign your child in or give a valid reason for their lateness, please remember that we do this because it is the law, and we are required to do so.

Please also remember that it is very difficult for a child to walk into a lesson which has already started and it often takes them a few minutes to settle down which increases the amount of time when they are not learning. I am sure that we can all work together to improve this situation for the good of the children. Thank you.

**Cat's Grin Company: Year 1**

children will have the opportunity to watch a performance and participate in a drama workshop next week.

Please send in the voluntary contribution by **MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** so it can take place. Thank you.

*Pat Speare*