

Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



Newsletter December 16th 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, given that this must have been the longest Autumn term on record, I'd like to say a huge thank you and well done to everyone, children and staff for keeping on smiling right to the end, even though everyone is inwardly wilting! It's been another jam-packed term and no doubt the Spring term will be no different.

And another huge thank you to all the staff and children who somehow still had the energy to put on some fantastic performances this Christmas and were so well supported by all of you. It's wonderful that in this pressured age of SATs, league tables and targets we can still set aside time to help the children reflect and appreciate the true meaning of Christmas.

For Year 5 parents who either attended last night's Gallery Night and would like another look at all the children's wonderful work, or for those of you who weren't able to attend, much of the work will be available to view on the school website or on the VLE, so you'll be able to share it with family and friends.

PTA calendars are available in the school office priced £5 – and we have school scarves available in large (£5) and small (£4.75) – a good opportunity to get prepared for the winter weather which may be on its way, if the forecasters have got it right.

December Dates

Tuesday 20 th	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21 st	Y6 Victorian Christmas at Beaumanor Hall
Thursday 22 nd	End of term Service 9.30am St Dionysius – it will be a tight fit but you're all welcome!

Thursday 22nd December 3.15 Christmas Holidays begin!!!

Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

WE WON THE CUP!!! Our KS2 children outswam everyone at Thursday's Swimming Gala and we are now the proud keepers of the Harborough Primary Schools' Swimming Gala Shield – we're just waiting for our name to be engraved. Many thanks to all the staff who helped on the day, and also to the parents who helped with transport and cheered the children on, and congratulations to everyone for this astounding set of results:

Individual Races: 7 1st places, 6 2nd places, 2 3rd places
Relay Races: 4 1st places, 2 2nd places, 1 3rd place

The Collective Worship Group took part in the service celebrating the return of the Held Together statue after it completed its pilgrimage around the Diocese. Mrs Silvester came back glowing with pride at the behaviour of our children. (See What the Children Say)

The School Council hosted a visit from Dazzle, the Leicester Animal Rescue Centre dog this week, when they came to collect what turned out to be a huge collection of dog and cat food donated by you – for which they were very grateful. There will be some very happy pooches and pussies this Christmas thanks to your generosity. (See What the Children Say)

Proceeds from the KS1 performances raised £159.90 for Market Harborough HomeStart – thank you again for your generosity.

Mrs Fellows' KS2 Literacy Group children are launching a school newspaper, and the first edition goes to press next week! It will be on sale from **Wednesday 21st**, and will cost 20p – we look forward to seeing this brand new venture!

Just a little extra information about the bottle top collection – the wheelchair we are trying to raise money for, on behalf of the fire brigade, will go to one of the charities supporting servicemen and women returning home having been wounded in action.

Reminders

Please remember that **any** school dinners wanted during the last week of term **must** be paid for on Monday 19th December, so that Mrs Wilford is able to get the money banked before the end of term. And please remember that if your child has not ordered a Christmas Lunch in advance, even if they usually have a school dinner every day, they will **not** be able to order one on Monday; they will need to bring in a packed lunch for Tuesday 20th December.

The only clubs running next week are KS1 Multisports on Tuesday after school, and Hotshots Basketball on Wednesday after school – all the other clubs have now finished for the term. Mr Flynn is awaiting confirmation that Science Club will re-start on Monday 9th January; we realise it will be short notice but we **will** contact parents during the day if the club is **not** running. When the club does resume, the children will leave school by the Y4/5 door at the end of the sessions. Mrs Fellows will contact parents early in the Spring term with information on dates and times for her clubs. Choir will re-start during the first half term; Miss Lee will send out a note confirming the date after Christmas.

What the Children Say...

Worship Group visit to the Cathedral, Mary Welton ~

"When I went to the Cathedral with Mrs Silvester and the Worship Group, it was interesting and inspiring. We sang songs, and then it was funny when the Bishop took off his robes and was wearing sports kits underneath! It was funny and awesome, I would certainly go again!"

School Council visit with Leicester Animal Rescue Centre ~

"I went to the office to see the black dog from the vet centre. The dog was called Dazzle and I stroked it, it was my favourite bit." Lukas Bremner

"On Monday the School Council saw a dog called Dazzle from the Leicester Animal Rescue Centre. He was very soft and he licked all of us! Judy and Mick came with Dazzle and we got to ask them questions." Corin Willcocks

Attendance

Week beginning 28th November
Best class attendance ~ 4BT 99.1%
Whole school attendance ~ 93.5%

Week beginning 5th December
Best class attendance ~ 2EF 99.2%
Whole school attendance ~ 93.8%

Wishing you all very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year
See you on 9th January!



Sue Bovill