

Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



Newsletter 7th October 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn seems to be well and truly here now if the last few days' wind and rain is anything to go by. It's hard to believe that a week from now we'll be breaking up for half term!

The Foundation team would like to say a big well done to our newest members of school, who have really settled in this week and have joined us for their first assembly. And an equally big thank you to all the mums and daughters who attended the Maths Workshop, Mrs Fellows was delighted by the turn out. If you would like to follow up anything from the session, the Powerpoint is available on the school website, together with a blog and some hyperlinks to other activities.

Please check in book bags tonight for the school photo letter – if you would like a photo of your child with their brothers and/or sisters, or if you do not want your child to be photographed, please return the form by Tuesday.

If anyone is tidying up their garden over half term and would like to find a new home for any overgrown, unwanted shrubs we'd be very happy to adopt them.

If you or any grandparents out there would like to spare a little time in school to help out or listen to children read, we are always very grateful for your help. Please let Mrs Wilford know if you think you might be interested.

October Dates

Monday 10 th	Starwalker Week (details to follow)
Monday 10 th	Parents' Evening Y6 only
Wednesday 12 th	Individual and Family/Sibling Photos Parents' Evening Y6 only
Sunday 30 th	Y6 Kingswood Residential (returning Friday 4 th November)
Monday 31 st	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm

Half Term 17th – 21st October

Reminders ~

Data collection sheets will be sent out next week; please return them as soon as possible with details of any changes, but if in the meantime you have changed your mobile number, please let us know straightaway. On the subject of contacts, could I please remind you we have a policy of making first day contact when a child is absent. It is *our* responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of every child in school but it is *parents'* responsibility to inform us of the reason for and likely duration of their absence.

Please remember that special lunches need to be ordered in advance **even if your child has a hot dinner everyday or is having free school meals!** Mrs Douglas had 114 Harvest lunches ordered in advance, and 139 children to feed on the day, which clearly makes life in the kitchen and office somewhat challenging...

Having recently renewed our Healthy Schools Status, please could you encourage your child to bring a healthy snack for break and not sweets or chocolate.

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Please, *please* do not park outside the school gates. We do understand how difficult it can be to park near school but a short walk has to be better than a trip into hospital in an ambulance.

Please read the flyer from the PTA, which is also in book bags tonight. They desperately need your help and without them we simply won't have all the lovely extras that they provide.

Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

Don't forget the Dads and Sons' "Literacy Rocks" workshop from 5 – 6pm next Wednesday, in the Art Block. For more information please see Mr Flynn.

Our boys' football teams have two friendly matches against Fleckney next Thursday. Both matches are at home and will start straight after school.

Our School Sports Ambassadors – Yasmin Flint, Grace Bolton, Adam Smith and Ben Woodward – will be attending a conference at Robert Smyth Academy next Tuesday and we know that they'll do a wonderful job of representing C of E.

Thank you for taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning – we raised just over £134 for Macmillan Cancer Support!

Sue Bovill