

Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



Newsletter 1st April 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all a huge thank you once again for your compassion and generosity in helping us to raise well over £400 in donations and Red Noses for this year's Comic Relief – a fantastic effort! Given how much you all contributed to this, it was even more moving to see how quickly everyone was prepared to dig into their pockets again for the Tsunami relief fundraiser. We were especially proud of our Year 6 children who came up with the idea of the cake sale and organised the whole thing for themselves with very little help from any of the adults in school. We haven't had the final amount yet but it looks like it should have raised almost £100!

April Dates

Monday 4 th	KS2 DVD night 3.30 – 5.15pm Green Team 3.30 – 4.30pm Y5/6 Netball Match <i>time tbc</i> (Home v. Little Bowden) Annual Parent Questionnaire
Tuesday 5 th	Class photos – best bib and tucker please! Year 4 Assembly (both classes) 9.15am
Thursday 7 th	Y4/5 Boys' Football Match 3.30pm (Home v. Kibworth) Y5/6 Girls' Football League HTFC 4 – 5pm
Friday 8 th	Y4 visit to Brookside Primary School (Vaisakhi Celebrations) Y5/6 Boys' Football Match 3.30pm (Home v. Kibworth) PTA Quiz night (adults only) 7 for 7.30pm start
Tuesday 12 th	1AP Class assembly 9.15am Y3/4 Production 2pm and 7pm
Wednesday 13 th	Y6 Netball tournament – Robert Smyth 3.30pm
Thursday 14 th	Collective Worship Group visit to Launde Abbey Easter themed lunch PTA Easter Egg Hunt 3.30 – 5pm Y3/4 Production 7pm

Friday 15th April evening ~ School closes for Easter

(Please note that because of the additional day given in lieu of the Royal Wedding Bank Holiday, the School will now open on **Wednesday 4th May**)

Information and Reminders ~

If you are still hoping to take part in the PTA Quiz night, please get your tickets as soon as possible; they're selling out fast!

A plea this time from a fellow parent – please try to avoid parking on the kerb at the back entrance to school... it makes getting a double buggy through almost impossible. And talking about the back gate, from next term this will be kept locked during school hours even when there is a school event during the day. I'm sorry if this is a bit inconvenient, but it will help us make sure that every child is safe all day, and avoid all the confusion about whether or not it *is* open.

Next week we'll be sending out the annual parent questionnaire with a few important changes from last year. This time we're asking you to make comments about the things you **do** like as well as the things you don't... nothing's ever perfect and we'd like to do things even better if we can. And if you've already received a separate questionnaire from Miss Gogerly, please would you return it to her as soon as possible – thank you.

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Please remember that KS2 children must have permission from you if they want to stay at school on their own for the Easter Egg Hunt. Choir won't be on that night – I think that would cause something of a conflict of interest!

Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

It seems that MHCofE is going from strength to strength in the sports arena, with the mixed Y5/6 basketball teams coming runners up (A team) and 4th (B team) in the recent tournament at Robert Smyth, and doing well enough to go through to the county play off. Last week the netball A team won their match against Sherrier (a notoriously tough team to beat) and the B team stood up to them as well as they could – after a very difficult first half, they refused to let another goal in during the second half and even managed to get a goal in themselves. Last night there was a reversal of fortunes, with the A team losing 11 – 3 at Gilmorton but the B team winning 6 – 1! Well done girls!

Y4 had a wonderful three days at Beaumanor Hall this week; weren't they lucky with the weather! I managed to join them for the day on Tuesday so I can vouch not only for how much fun they were having, but also how polite and well-behaved they were with all the centre and school staff, and how encouraging and supportive they were with each other as they tried out some new and pretty daunting activities – walking backwards off a 30 foot tower is no mean feat!

And Y3 went off to The Stone Centre in Derbyshire to explore some of the wonders of geology and came back seeing the natural world in a very different light.... do *you* know what limestone and marble are made of? If not, ask a Year 3... and you might get a surprise!

Many thanks to all the children who were able to take part in Star Walkers – even if it was only one or two walks, it all counts and around 71% of the school took part. Congratulations to 6CW who 'walked off' with the Star Walkers glass star – a fabulous 83% of their class walked to school that week!

Attendance	
Week beginning 14 th March 2011	Week beginning 21 st March 2011
Best class attendance ~ 4MA 97.9%	Best class attendance ~ RLS 99.5%
Whole school attendance ~ 93.5%	Whole school attendance ~ 93.1%

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