

# Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



## Newsletter December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We really are about to set off now on the Helter Skelter towards the end of term; Foundation and KS1 are practising for their Christmas performances, while KS2 get ready to reduce me to tears yet again in the annual Carol Service. And this year they all really will be a complete surprise to me, because with the new doors in reception, we can't even hear whether they're in the hall or not, never mind what they're actually doing!

Thank you to everyone who has already helped or is going to help in the annual Foundation Stage/ KS1 'Glitterfest' Decorations Day – you'll be sparkling for days! And a huge thank you to Stella Welton of Archway House for getting our Christmas festivities off to a wonderful start by providing us again with a Christmas tree – thank you Stella!

Ella Blume – a former pupil at C of E – will be coming into school to lead assembly on Monday. Ella is now a Young Leader at Robert Smyth Academy, and is working with our School Sports Ambassadors (Grace Bolton, Adam Smith, Yasmin Flint and Ben Woodward) in the run up to the Olympic Games.

The Collective Worship Group will be visiting Leicester Cathedral on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December with Mrs Silvester, to take part in a service celebrating the return of the Held Together statue after it completes its pilgrimage around the Diocese.

Watch out for lots of things coming home in the next few days; PTA requests, Christingle candles etc. It might be worth a daily bag-check! Please also see Diary Dates overleaf...

### **Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~**

Children in Need this year was a massive success, not only because of the huge amount you helped us raise as a school – over £300, but also because two of our children embarked on their own fundraising activities: Matthew Aspland (Y4) held a cake stall in the town library and raised over £200 and Phoebe James (Y3) galvanised a team to sell cakes in school and raised over £100. We are very proud to belong to such a caring community, and would like to thank everyone for such generous support, especially during very difficult times! And well done to everyone for supporting the Poppy Appeal this year; we raised £120.24!

The choir have been in great demand this year, singing at St Dionysius' Remembrance Day Service and at the turning on of the Christmas lights in town. Our thanks go to everyone in the choir and to Miss Lee and Mrs Rodi for the time they have committed to these events.

Y4 went out to visit the local library this week and enjoyed it more I think than they anticipated (**See What the Children Say**). And Y5 had the Konflux theatre group for one of their Play in a Day workshops. I didn't see what the children did during the day, but I did manage to get in to watch the final performance of the play – based on Cyber-bullying – and I'm sure any Y5 parent would agree that the end result was phenomenal! The quality of the play's content and the children's performance was simply outstanding! (**See What the Children Say**).

### **Reminders**

The deadline for Christmas lunch orders has now passed and you should have received a green or red slip confirming whether or not you have ordered a lunch for your child on that day. The order has now been sent off to the School Food Support Service, and no further orders can be taken. If your child has received a red slip, they **must** bring a packed lunch on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December will be the last homework club until after the New Year.

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Mrs Guiver would like to thank everyone who is supporting the Terracycle project, but please could you check against the original letter about the items being collected, as they are very brand specific.

Resources from the parent/child literacy and numeracy workshops have been posted on the website and are available to everyone, whether you came to the workshops or not.

We will be collecting dog and cat food until the end of next week – many thanks to everyone who has contributed. The children are looking forward to another visit from Dazzle! And a huge thank you to Butchers’ Pet Food who have made a massive contribution to this appeal. Mrs Timson-Ayears delivered a car bootful of dog food from them this morning to boost our already large collection.

### What the Children Say...

Y4 trip to Market Harborough Library ~

Alex Price said “During our awesome visit to the library, we found out a lot about fiction and non-fiction books”, and Millie Van Nierop added, “we discovered about the Dewey decimal system.”

Y5 Play in a Day, Anna Halberda & Amy Gordon ~

“The Konflux theatre company came in to Y5 and Matt (the theatre one!) was our teacher for the day. He had the trouble of teaching us the play with no script. The play was about E-Safety and Cyber bullying and the main logos were, **Think First, Click Safe** and **Zip it, Block it, Flag it**. Each of us had at least one line to say in the play. We all thought it was really fun at the start when Matt showed us how not to be nervous. To do this we had to get into groups of 4 to 6 and make objects in the group using our bodies, such as a washing machine. The hardest object was a full English breakfast because it was hard to tell who was what. After about 15 minutes we started acting. It was awesome!!!!”

Attendance		
Week beginning 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Week beginning 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Best class	Best class	Best class
attendance ~ 5MF 100%	attendance ~ 4SB 99.2%	attendance ~ 1CB 4BT 96.8%
Whole school	Whole school	Whole school
attendance ~ 92.8%	attendance ~ 92.4%	attendance ~ 91.8%

### December Dates

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fun & Families, 7pm Art Block
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity, 6.30pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	FS New Parents’ Visit, 11am
	KS1 Nativity, 2pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Collective Worship Group to Leicester Cathedral
	Y1/Y2 ‘Glitterfest’ Decoration Morning
	Y2 Christmas Craft Club, 3.30 – 4.15pm Art Block
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair, <b>3.30 – 5pm</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service, 4pm St Dionysius
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fairtrade Stall at St Dionysius Family Service
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Service, 7pm St Dionysius
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Swimming Gala
	FS Nativity, 2pm
	Y2 Christmas Craft Club, 3.30 – 4.15pm Art Block
	Y5 Gallery Event, 6pm Hall
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 Beaumanor Victorian Christmas day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Term Service, 9.30am St Dionysius

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 3.15pm – End of Term**  
**School opens Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Sue Bovill**