

Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



Newsletter February 10th 2012

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we had the snow at last! I know we're now off for half term, but if we do have a significant snowfall just before we come back, please check the school website and listen out to Radio Leicester...

We are getting a good response for the KS2 Gardening Club, so it will be nice to see the children out and about in March – Mrs Winship is still hoping for help, please contact the school office if you're interested. The Y3/4 Netball Club is also starting again on the first Monday back (20th) and will run from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Y5/6 Cookery Club has now finished, and there has been a huge take-up for Y3/4 Cookery Club, so if you've returned a slip, Mrs Fellows will be in touch to confirm which children will attend on what dates. The Y3/4 Dance Club is continuing for the rest of the Spring term; this will run for Y5/6 children in the Summer term.

Miss Stephens is on a mission! She is once again organising school teams (children *and* adults) for the Rotary Club's SwiMarathon, which takes place at the leisure centre on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April. The school entered the most teams last year, so we're looking to do at least as well again this time. Please see Miss Stephens if you'd like to take part.

Following on from the last newsletter, now that we have a fab new Library, we need to keep it looking that way... We have a small team of parent volunteers who will be staffing the library (helping children re-shelve books correctly, helping them locate new books etc), and we're looking for more volunteers, both to spread the load and so that the Library is staffed as much as possible. If anyone can help with this (even for an hour or two a week) please let the school office know.

Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

On 26th January nine children from KS2 (mainly Y3) took part in the Cross Country races at Harborough Leisure Centre. All the children did really well and finished their races – Millie Van Nierop came 4th in hers and Lucy Longley came 12th. The next race will be on 23rd February.

We had great fun on Wednesday when we took part in sign2sing again, and raised over £100 for the charity Signhealth. This is becoming a real favourite with the children – they love learning new songs to sign.

Reminders

The changes in dinner debt policy and procedures, which we told you about in a separate letter, will come into force straight after half term. Many thanks to all those parents who have already sorted out their outstanding balances, this has been really helpful and has already significantly reduced the dinner debt.

What the Headteacher Said...

Just for a change, I thought you might like to read a quote from one of my predecessors at C of E; this comes from an old Log Book I recently discovered, which is making fascinating reading!

"Thin attendance towards latter part of week, owing to Leicester races. Thomas, William and Ezra Carter absent blackberrying on Thursday. This is the second time they have been absent for the same purpose."

October 7th, 1876

February Dates

Week beginning 20th

Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st

Wednesday 22nd

Thursday 23rd

Week beginning 27th

Monday 27th

Wednesday 29th

No School Crossing Patrol Officer this week

School opens

Fun & Families, 7pm Art Block

Ragtex Collection – please sort your bags over half-term and bring them in on Monday – thank you!

Y5 Grafham Water Parents' Information

Evening, 6.30pm Art Block

Y5/6 Netball Match 'A' Team, Home v Gilmorton

KS2 Cross Country race, Leisure Centre

Fairtrade Fortnight, Week 1

Fun & Families, 7pm Art Block

Y6 (1 class) to Warning Zone, am

March Dates

Thursday 1st

Friday 2nd

Week beginning 5th

Monday 5th

Wednesday 7th

Friday 9th

Monday 12th

Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd

Friday 23rd

Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th

Tuesday 27th

Wednesday 28th

Friday 30th

Y6 (1 class) to Warning Zone, am

Fairtrade/PTA Afternoon Tea

Green Team, 3.30 – 4.30pm

Fairtrade Snack Bar

Fairtrade Fortnight, Week 2

Parents' Evening (FS – Y5)

Fun & Families, 7pm Art Block

Street Jazz Taster Sessions (during school day)

Parents' Evening (FS – Y5)

Fairtrade Snack Bar

Fairtrade Funky Footwear Parade!

(see Fairtrade Newsletter)

Fun & Families, 7pm Art Block

Y5 Grafham Water Residential Visit

Y3 Visit to National Stone Centre

Sport Relief

1AP Class Assembly, 9.15am

PTA Easter Egg Hunt, 3.30 – 5pm

End of Term Service, 9.30am St Dionysius

Deadline for Y6 Abernant Residential Deposit

School closes end of school day for Easter

Attendance

Week beginning 23rd January 2012

Best class attendance ~ RMT 5JL 100%

Whole school attendance ~ 93.7%

Week beginning 30th January 2012

Best class attendance ~ 6CR 100%

Whole school attendance ~ 91.7%