

**Market Harborough Church of England
Primary School**



Newsletter 14th January 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all – I hope that Christmas was everything you wanted it to be and that the later bank holiday gave you time to recover!

Everybody has come back in a very positive mood – though I don't know how many New Year's Resolutions are still intact – which is just what we need as we start a very long term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Antoinette Mohamed, whose term of office as a Parent Governor has now ended, for her valuable contribution to the Governing Body. We now have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor and you should receive Governor Election papers separately.

January Dates

Friday 14 th	Fairtrade snack bar
Wednesday 19 th	NO Hotshots
Week beginning 24 th	Community Cohesion Week – Faith in the Community
Tuesday 25 th	5LT class assembly 9.15am
Thursday 27 th	PTA Mad Science family evening 6.30 – 7.45pm (flyer to follow)
Saturday 29 th	Primary Science Conference – Robert Smyth School
Week beginning 31 st	Life Education Week – information to follow

February Dates

Monday 7 th	Green Team 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 15 th	1CB class assembly 9.15am
Thursday 17 th	Y5/6 Girls' Football League at HTFC
	KS1 Disco 6 – 7pm
	KS2 Disco 7.15 – 8.15pm
Friday 18 th	School closes for half term

Reminders ~

Please make a note on your calendar of the additional day's holiday on Tuesday 3rd May – this has been set by the local authority in lieu of the Royal Wedding Bank Holiday which falls during the Easter holiday.

On Thursday 5th May, the Community Art Block will be used for the Local Government elections – school will be open as usual and the route for voters will be cordoned off.

As we face uncertain times ahead, please remember that claiming entitlement to Free School Meals can open up all sorts of possibilities in terms of family support, and will also bring additional funding into school via the Coalition's Pupil Premium. If you would like any information regarding free school meals, please contact Tess Wilford. All enquiries will be treated as confidential.

A polite reminder that outstanding payments for the residential trips to Grafham Water and Beaumanor are now due.

If your child brings a football to school could you please make sure that they do not play with it before school when there are parents, toddlers and babies in pushchairs in the playground: we have had several instances of people being hit by balls and it would be a great shame if we had to stop children bringing them into school.

Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

Well done to the 29 children who completed the Roald Dahl Reading Relay Challenge before Christmas – they received their certificates during assembly this morning. I think there may be a few completed forms still out there if you would like to check at home.

Our Y5/6 Girls' Football Team got the new sporting year off to a fantastic start with their first two league victories last night. They took the points from Fleckney who didn't make it to the match, and won 4 – 0 against Blaby Stokes, with Takara Watkins (captain) scoring a hat-trick and Charlotte Dexter scoring the final goal! Well done, girls!

The final Cross Country Race postponed from last term will take place on Saturday 22nd January, weather permitting. The organisers will confirm the race following a Council Inspection, but please assume it's on unless you hear otherwise. I will send out a separate reply slip.

Most after school clubs will be begin again next week. Information about individual clubs will be sent out separately by the club organiser.

Attendance	
Week beginning 6 th December 2010	Week beginning 13 th December 2010
Best class attendance ~ 5MF 97.4%	Best class attendance ~ 3JG 95.4%
Whole school attendance ~ 92.1%	Whole school attendance ~ 89%

As you can see our whole school attendance took a bit of a hammering from all the bugs going round school at the end of last term, so commiserations to everyone who succumbed (including adults) and I hope you are all fully recovered!