

Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



Newsletter 1st July 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

It doesn't seem possible that there are only two weeks left until another school year is over! And as usual, instead of a gentle wind-down we still have lots going on...

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the PTA and their supporters – the Summer Fete was a great success, and fortunately the weather held! This is obviously one of the PTA's biggest events, but the valuable and consistent financial support they provide throughout the year is also very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing parents and children at the Open Evening on Tuesday 12th July, where you'll have the opportunity to meet next year's class teachers and look at the things the children have done throughout the year. If you have a few moments, please come to the hall and take part in a quick 'post-it' session to help Governors provide feedback on the School Improvement Plan – you can also browse at the Roving Bookshop whilst you're there!

We're delighted to announce that we have been re-certified as a Healthy School, and would like to thank everyone who continues to support us in promoting healthy living...

July Dates

Monday 4 th	Green Team 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 5 th	FS Celebration Assembly 9.15am FS New Intake – Induction (pm) Y5/6 Production 2pm & 7pm
Wednesday 6 th	Y5/6 Production 7pm
Thursday 7 th	Y3/4 Mini Olympics at Robert Smyth FS New Intake – School Lunch (children & parents)
Monday 11 th	Y6 to WPCC FS New Intake – Induction (am) Whole school changeover to new classes (am)
Tuesday 12 th	Y6 to WPCC
Wednesday 13 th	School Council visit to Animal Rescue Centre
Friday 15 th	End of Term Leavers' Service, St Dionysius 9.30am

Information and Reminders ~

We hope you found your child's report clear and informative – please remember to return the slip so we know that you've seen it! The attendance figures are taken up to Whitsun half-term, and show the possible and actual number of sessions (2 sessions per day), and any unauthorised absence; any *authorised* absence (eg illness, medical, authorised holiday leave) is *not* included in the figures. If you have any queries on your child's attendance please speak to Mrs Clark.

Mrs Wilford would like to remind parents that dinner debts should please be cleared on the last Monday of term (11th July), to enable us to close the registers with County Hall. Please don't forget to allow extra payment for any dinners up to Friday 15th – thank you!

Mrs Fellows would like to thank everyone who applied for the Beaumanor summer outreach programmes, which have now been finalised. Interest in these events is always very high, and unfortunately not all of our children got places, but those children who *did* get a place will be coming home with a letter tonight.

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Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

Our Sports Week has become a Sports Fortnight – in the end we had so many things lined up we couldn't fit it all in! The week kicked off with a special assembly in which we re-launched the Golden Mile, which is a national scheme for children to have run, walked or jogged the distance between Harborough and London by the time the Olympics start in 2012. The school as a whole is taking part in this, and children can take one of several routes around the school grounds to help them complete the challenge. Certificates will be awarded to children when they complete 10-, 25- and 50-mile targets.

Lots of other sporting activities have also been lined up, including a skipping challenge, inter-phase competitions and games, street dancing, karate, tennis and last but not least, baton twirling!

The Summer term Starwalker week will now start on Monday (4th), and attached is information about dropping-off points if you want to park up and walk the last ten minutes to school. Members of staff have once again volunteered to help in the mornings from 8.30am, so that children can spend 10 minutes walking round the field instead of walking from the dropping-off points. The class with the highest percentage of walkers wins the Starwalker glass star!

Fortunately, after a swelteringly hot day on Monday, it cooled off quite nicely for the Sports Days, and FS/KS1 and KS2 went out in their team colours to compete in various events around the playing field. Thank you to all those parents and grandparents who came along and cheered them on – it makes all the difference!

The children did the school proud at Area Sports in Corby – congratulations to Hannah Ryan, who came 1st overall for the Harborough district in the 50m sprint, and to Grace Bolton who came 2nd overall in the 75m sprint. Everyone had a great time, but in addition to our two winners, it was once again the children's effort and exemplary behaviour which made them stand out from the other schools – well done!

Year 5 had a bumper week last week, with two visits in two days! They had a fab time at Conkers, taking part in a 'memorable' (!) barefoot trail, as well as working with a ranger from the centre on orienteering and environmental issues. The following day saw them all at Welland Park to join other primary schools for a D&T day. As well as an introduction to forensic science, the children had an hour to make a short film/advert about the Olympics and also took part in other D&T activities.

Foundation Stage children had a lovely time last week when The Creepy Crawly Show came in to see them. They asked lots of questions and posed for photos with, among other things, spiders, snakes and snails...!

All of our Y1 and Y2 children took part in a Multiskills tournament earlier this week. They were divided up into teams with children from other schools, and then competed in a round robin of c.10 activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and Miss Booth says that their behaviour was impeccable, especially when walking to and from Robert Smyth School.

Attendance	
Week beginning 13 th June 2011	Week beginning 20 th June 2011
Best class attendance ~ RLS 3HS 3JG 100%	Best class attendance ~ RLS 100%
Whole school attendance ~ 92.4%	Whole school attendance ~ 88.8%

Well done RLS, who are on a roll this term with their outstanding attendance. Our overall attendance took a pounding last week, a combination of holiday leave and chickenpox – fortunately not together! Hopefully this is a one-off, especially as we've done so well the rest of the year...