

Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



Newsletter 4th March 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing half term holiday... the children certainly seem to have come back refreshed after their break. We got the term off to a lovely "Springy" start, with a day of folk-dancing for children from Foundation Stage to Y3. Judging from the sounds coming out of the hall, they all really enjoyed it, and it was rather nice to work to the sound of an accordion all day!

March Dates

Monday 7 th	Fairtrade Afternoon Tea 2.30 – 4.30pm – school hall Green Team meeting 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	Pancake Day themed lunch
Wednesday 9 th	Y5 to Grafham Water (3 days)
Thursday 10 th	Y5/6 Girls' Football League at HTFC 4 – 5pm
Monday 14 th	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 th	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
Friday 18 th	Comic Relief Day and themed lunch – non-uniform
Monday 28 th	Y4 to Beaumanor (3 days) Y5/6 Basketball tournament – Robert Smyth 3.30pm
Thursday 31 st	FS/KS1 Mothers' Day assembly 2.30pm

April Dates

Friday 1 st	Annual Parent Questionnaire
Monday 4 th	KS2 DVD night 3.30 – 5.15pm
Tuesday 5 th	Class photos Year 4 Assembly (both classes) 9.15am
Thursday 7 th	Y5/6 Girls' Football League HTFC 4 – 5pm
Friday 8 th	PTA Quiz night (adults only)
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	Easter themed lunch Y3/4 Production 7pm PTA Easter event (after school, details to follow)

Information and Reminders ~

Unfortunately, just before we broke up for half term I received two separate complaints from members of the local community which I need to share with you. The first was from residents of Clover Court about parents leaving their dogs unattended and tied to the drainpipes or security lights whilst they bring their children into school. The other was from the Squash Club on Fairfield Road, whose members arrived for a tournament to find their car park full on the night of the school disco. Apart from the frustration caused, it could also have been a major problem as one of the players sustained an injury and the club secretary would not have been able to get his car out had he needed to get the player to hospital. He has asked me to remind all visitors to the school that the car park for the Squash Club is private property for the use of its members **only**. He has offered to let us use it, by prior arrangement, for events which do not coincide with the club's busiest times, but this **must** be done through the school office.

Please help us to maintain our good relations with the local community by showing consideration for our closest neighbours and their property.

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From Monday we will no longer be providing a bin at dinnertime for children who bring a packed lunch to school. This is for two very different but equally important reasons. Firstly, as an Eco School, we are getting very worried about the amount of packaging and food which is being thrown in the bin and therefore going to landfill. Secondly, we are getting increasingly concerned about the amount of food **not** being eaten, and we think you might like to see for yourselves what your child has actually had for lunch. Every day we are finding whole packs of sandwiches, whole pieces of fruit, unopened 'lunchables', yogurts and drinks cartons (including smoothies) thrown in the bin – the sheer quantity of food being thrown away represents a lot of wasted money. Also, presumably, a lot of children are starting the afternoon with empty stomachs – it's very hard to concentrate when you're hungry!

Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

Hats off to the huge number of children who entered the World Book Day Homework Competition... almost half the school took part and the entries have been fabulously varied and imaginative. Prizes were awarded for the best entry in Foundation Stage, KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2, but to be honest we would have liked to be able to give a prize to everyone. All non-edible entries will be on display until after Parents' Evening, so please spare a few minutes to come and have a look (after you've toured the Faith Stops of course).

Mrs Douglas, our school cook and her team have done so much to improve our lunchtimes and she would like to offer parents the chance to come in on a regular basis and have lunch with their children. Each week, different year groups go in first for lunch and when it's your child's turn, we would like to invite you to come and join them. Dinners would need to be ordered the week before and cost £2.58 for adults; we would send an order form out in advance. So that we can get an idea of how feasible this would be, please fill in the reply slip below to indicate whether or not you would be interested.

Easter seems a long way off at the moment, but Mrs Douglas will also be running an Easter Bonnet competition this year which will conclude with a themed Easter lunch on the 14th April. More details to follow...

Attendance	
Week beginning 7 th February 2011	Week beginning 14 th February 2011
Best class attendance ~ RLS 100%	Best class attendance ~ RLS 100%
Whole school attendance ~ 95.8%	Whole school attendance ~ 95.7%

Sue Bovill

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 To: Ms Bovill

- I would be interested in coming in to school for my child / children's year group lunches
- I would not be able to come in for the school lunches

I have a child / children in Year Group(s):

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date