

Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



Newsletter 13th May 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what must surely be the shortest half term in living memory! I hope that you are all feeling refreshed after the extended Easter holiday, and were able to make the most of the beautiful weather.

I have two pleas to make: the theme for this term in Foundation Stage is Superheroes, so if you (or rather, your children) have any dressing up costumes at home that would fit with the theme and that you wouldn't mind lending to us for a few weeks, we'd be very grateful. Also, it would be a great help if we could have any brightly coloured tights and unwanted sea-related soft toys e.g. whales, crabs, dolphins etc which we could use for an art project (the toys will be donated afterwards to the PTA summer fair).

May Dates

Wednesday 18th
Thursday 19th

Friday 20th
Monday 23rd
Thursday 26th
Friday 27th

Fairtrade Steering Group Meeting 3.30 – 4.30pm
Quantum Theatre Maths show
School Choir concert 6.45pm – school hall
Y4 visit to Stratford
Hand-over of 'Held Together' statue
PTA disco: KS1 6 - 7pm, KS2 7.15 – 8.15pm
Y2 Maths Challenge day at Beaumanor
School closes for half term

June Dates

Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th
Friday 10th
Wednesday 15th
Monday 20th
Saturday 25th
Tuesday 28th
Wednesday 29th
Thursday 30th

School re-opens
Green Team 3.30 – 4.30pm
Basketball finals – 3.30pm WPC
Fairtrade Snack Bar (morning breaktime)
French theatre company performance
Area Sports 4.30 – 7pm
PTA Summer Fete
Y1/2 Multiskills session at Robert Smyth
Sports Day: KS1 am, KS2 pm
Annual Open Evening 6 – 7.30pm

Information and Reminders ~

If anyone spent the holidays doing a mass clear out like me, please don't forget that we have an Oxfam Book Bin in school – they will take books, belts, shoes, jewellery, gloves, scarves, watches, CDs, DVDs and vinyl.

Homework club has re-started for the Summer term and will now finish at **4.15pm**.

This year is the 200th anniversary of the first church schools, and to mark the occasion Leicestershire Diocese are holding a year of pilgrimage. They've commissioned an artist to create a carving that is going on a 'pilgrimage' around the church schools. On 23rd May our school will receive the 'Held Together' carving from Kibworth Primary School during a special assembly led by The Revd Brand, and it will be in school for two days so that the children have the opportunity to hold and talk about it and reflect on what Jesus means to them.

We have received some information about the MEND programme – a healthy lifestyle programme which is going to be running through the District Council in Market Harborough in the summer. We have had children take part in this programme in the past, and the feedback has always been very positive. Children in Years 5 and 6 will bring home leaflets today, Years 3 and 4 will get a leaflet as soon as we get the extra copies we've asked for.

Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

Year 6 parents should be very proud of the way their children have conducted themselves this week. They have coped fantastically well with the pressure of SATs, and kept smiling throughout the week – a huge well done to every single one of them! By the time you get this, it will all be over and they will have spent the afternoon celebrating – and thanks to the generosity of Mr Cosciani, doing it in style!

Three cheers for the girls' football team!!! They won the League and the Cup!

| Attendance | |
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| Week beginning 11 th April 2011 | Week beginning 2 nd May 2011 |
| Best class attendance ~ 2HM 98.2% | Best class attendance ~ 2EF 99.4% |
| Whole school attendance ~ 91.5% | Whole school attendance ~ 91.8% |
| Spring Term Attendance | |
| Class of the half term (first half) ~ RLS 98.6% | |
| Class of the half term (second half) ~ RMT 97.7% | |
| Class of the Term ~ RMT 97.9% | |
| Well done, Foundation Stage! | |

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