

Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



Newsletter 8th October 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for another hugely successful Macmillan coffee morning/breakfast. There was a fabulous turnout, almost from the moment we opened the door, and between us we managed to raise over £185!

We're all looking forward now to the launch of our first World of Work Week, starting on Monday: thanks to the tremendous response we got from parents, every class will have at least two visitors. Who knows how many budding scientists or web designers we'll have by the end of the week... On Thursday, we're having a special assembly to celebrate the children's work and if they would like to, they can come dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up.

We start our new-style Walk to School Week on 25th October – attached is information about dropping-off points if you want to park up and walk the last ten minutes to school. We appreciate that everybody's circumstances are different, and it's not always possible to walk to school. So because Walk to School Week is about promoting healthy living as well as improving the environment, there will be an extra member of staff on duty each day that week so that children can spend 10 minutes walking round the field.

Photo Day - you should receive a separate letter about school photos with this newsletter: please see your child's teacher if it doesn't appear!

Mrs Fellows will be sending out club confirmation slips at least a week before the start date of each club. I'm sure you'd all like to join me in thanking Mrs Fellows for the huge amount of work she's put into organising the club timetable.

October Dates

Week beginning 11 th	World of Work Week; E-safety week for Y6
Monday 11 th & Tuesday 12 th	LOROS – Fitness in Schools
Wednesday 13 th	Individual school photos
Thursday 14 th	PTA KS1 Disco 6 – 7pm PTA KS2 Disco 7.15 – 8.15pm

Thursday 14th evening ~ School closes for half term (Friday 15th is now an additional Teacher Training Day)

Week beginning 25 th	E-safety week for rest of school Walk to School Week
Monday 25 th	Y6 Parents' evening 3.30 – 6pm
Wednesday 27 th	Y6 Parents' evening 3.30 – 7.30pm
Thursday 28 th	Parents' E-safety presentation 6pm (Hall)
Sunday 31 st – Friday 5 th November	Y6 Kingswood Residential

November Dates

Monday 1 st	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6pm
Tuesday 2 nd	2VH Class Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 3 rd	Parents' evening 3.30 – 7.30pm
Friday 12 th	Y3 Beaumanor WW2 Day
Week beginning Monday 15 th	Community Cohesion Week; Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 19 th	Children in Need

Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

On Saturday we launched our MHCofE Cross country team – in glorious sunshine thankfully, bearing in mind what Friday was like. A huge thank you and well done to all the children who took part: this first race must have been a bit daunting, with around 1200 children taking part from across the county, but they did us proud. A big thank you to all of you who came to cheer them on, and to Mr T for our wonderful banner.

Children in Need Day is Friday 19th November. The challenge this year is to be the Spottiest person in school – interpret that how you will... as long as it's not contagious! A great excuse to look silly, have fun and raise lots of money for a wonderful cause.

Congratulations to Miss Stephens and the Fairtrade Team. Thanks to all their hard work and the support you've given their various FT events, we've had our Fairtrade status renewed and we're just as proud as when we got it the first time. And congratulations too, to the children in last year's 5CW who won a place in the national final for a charity Design-a-Christmas-card competition; we look forward to hearing how they get on.

A very warm welcome to our new PTA Co-Chairs and Committee members: there was a fabulous turnout at the AGM and the first meeting. And a big thank you to previous Co-Chairs and Officers for all their hard work during their time in office, and the support they've given in the handover.

Well done to those Year 6 children who successfully completed their cycling proficiency two weeks ago. Hopefully they'll serve as really good role models to all our other cyclists! Now that we have our new bike and scooter racks it would be nice to see a few more children cycling to school... but not *through* school or the playground, please!

On 13th October there will be a drop-in session with Christine Harries and Sally Ingram, from 2.30pm in the Art Block. Christine is a Parent Support Worker for the Market Harborough group of schools: she can provide practical advice and support on a whole range of issues, not just those connected with education. If you would like to find out what she can offer please pop in and talk to either Christine or Sally or pick up one of the leaflets that will be on display. Light refreshments will be available; access will be via the Art Block door, not the school office.

Foundation Stage Open Mornings

If you know a parent whose child is due to start school soon, please let them know that they are more than welcome to come and have a look round on one of our Open Mornings. They will be given a tour round the school and a chance to meet the Foundation Stage staff. We held one earlier this week, which went very well, and have scheduled further Open Mornings in November, January and February (in time for the LCC February closing date for applications for Foundation Stage places). Anyone who is interested should contact Mrs Clark in the office to find out dates and times and book a place.

Attendance

Week beginning 20th September 2010
Best class attendance ~ 4SB RMT – 100%
Whole school attendance ~ 92.9%

Week beginning 27th September 2010
Best class attendance ~ 3JG RLS – 100%
Whole school attendance ~ 94.2%

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