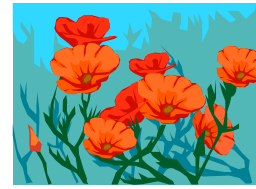


Market Harborough Church of England Primary School



Newsletter 11th November 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

The fact that it took me so long to go round school gathering items for the newsletter, is a fairly clear indication that we are starting to gather momentum as we head towards what is one of our busiest times of the year.

First of all a big thank you from the teachers to all of you who responded to the cries for help in the last newsletter – your support makes a huge difference to them and to the children.

The replacement of the windows is now almost complete, so we are looking forward to a rather cosier winter in school than we've had in the last few years – on a personal note, it'll be lovely to sit in my room *without* the wind blowing through my hair! And now that they've started repairing and repainting the fascias, school should soon be looking very smart.

The theme for this year's Children in Need Day (Friday November 18th) is Something Spotty, so it will be a non-uniform day for the children and they can come to school as spotty as they like. Every class will have a giant spot which we're hoping they'll be able to completely cover with donations – so if you could spare some loose change to help raise money for this wonderful cause, we would be very grateful.

The school choir will be singing at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13th November – this is a prestigious event and Miss Lee and the school feel very honoured to have been asked to sing. You'll also be able to catch the choir at the turning on of the lights on Friday November 25th in the market square.

A plea from Mrs Rodi – if you could spare a few hours to help Mrs Rodi re-classify the library books (dates to be confirmed) could you please try and catch her before or after school, or leave a message at the office. I know she'd be very grateful of the help.

We have lots of Diary Dates again, so for now these will be attached as a separate sheet. Please check your child's bag for the Fairtrade and anti-bullying newsletters, which are also going out today.

Successes, Achievements and just Plain Fun ~

Year 4 visited the Harborough Museum and had a great time trying on Roman clothes, making helmets and Roman coins. They now have a box of Roman artefacts from the museum to use while they continue their topic work.

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Kingswood! (see What the Children Say). Mrs Rodi and Mr Lee came back singing their praises on Friday, saying that they were the best residential group ever!

Year 3 have also been out to the museum this week to find out more about WWII and as usual they will be joining in the Remembrance Day service in the Market Square – how lovely that they have become such an integral part of the town's recognition of this very special day.

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Reminders

Please, please, please... return all dinner slips for the Children in Need themed lunch – **even if your child always has a hot dinner** – we know that, but the School Food Support Service doesn't and they are the ones who order the food for these special lunches.

For a short while longer we'll continue to collect any unwanted, old mobile phones to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis (please give them to Mrs Dobbs in Y6).

If your child attends an after-school club, please could you remind them that they must let the club leader know if they're unable to attend, so that we don't have to phone to check that children who haven't turned up, are safe and with an adult.

What the Children Say...

Year 6 Kingswood Residential, Jon Tongue ~

"Kingswood was amazing! It was an absolute blast. Awesome food, drinks and activities!"

Year 5 Science Visit, Helen Clark ~

"On 31st October some of the Year 5s went to Kibworth Primary School. We went to meet a man who works at mission control in Russia. He talked to us about what he does there and we watched a powerpoint and two videos. In one picture it showed a spaceship and round the edge it had the flags of the countries who contributed to making the spaceship. He said that one of the spaceships was about 3 of Kibworth school's hall and the hall was quite big. If you took food into space it would cost billions of pounds, so instead of taking real food they take dry food; the reason they do this is because for one sandwich it would cost around £2,000 to take it into space. They also make tea in a plastic bag like a bottle and shake it for 3 minutes!"

And the contribution in the last newsletter on the Year 3 visit to the Co-op was from Christopher Jones, talking with Mrs Guiver – thank you!

Attendance	
Week beginning 24 th October 2011	Week beginning 31 st October 2011
Best class attendance ~ 3JG 5MF 100%	Special Y6 Kingswood/class attendance ~ 6CR 100% 6NL 97.6%
Whole school attendance ~ 94.6%	Best of the rest class attendance ~ 2EF 100%
	Whole school attendance ~ 94.8%

Advance warning of possible strike action

As many of you will be aware, a number of public service unions are currently balloting their members ahead of proposed industrial action on **November 30th**. The results of the ballots will not be known until later in the month and I will of course keep you informed of the outcome. Whilst we will make every effort to keep school open, I am not able to rule out the possibility that school will be closed on that day as a result of strike action. I hope that this advance warning will enable you to make alternative childcare arrangements for that day should the need arise.

Sue Bovill

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Diary Dates

November

Sunday 13 th	School Choir at St Dionysius Remembrance Service
Week beginning Monday 14 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 14 th	Fun & Families, 7pm Art Block
Tuesday 15 th	3HS Class Assembly, 9.15am
Thursday 17 th	Y2 Christmas Craft Club, 3.30 – 4.15pm Art Block
Friday 18 th	Children in Need Theme Lunch
Week beginning Monday 21 st	E-Safety Week
Monday 21 st	Online Risks & Dangers Presentation, 6.30pm (Parents only)
	Fun & Families, 7pm Art Block
Tuesday 22 nd	6CR Class Assembly, 9.15am FS New Parents' Visit (FULL)
	Dads & Lads' 'Literacy Rocks' session, 5 – 6pm Hall
Thursday 24 th	Konflux Theatre – Cyber-Bullying Show
	Y2 Christmas Craft Club, 3.30 – 4.15pm Art Block
Monday 28 th	KS2 DVD Night, 3.20 – 5pm
	Fun & Families, 7pm Art Block
Tuesday 29 th	1CB Class Assembly, 9.15am Mums & Girls' Maths Fun session, 5 – 6pm Hall

December

Thursday 1 st	Y2 Christmas Craft Club, 3.30 – 4.15pm Art Block Green Team, 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 2 nd	Y3 Beaumanor WWII day
Monday 5 th	Fun & Families, 7pm Art Block
Tuesday 6 th	Y5 Year Group Assembly, 9.15am KS1 Nativity, 6.30pm
Wednesday 7 th	FS New Parents' Visit, 11am KS1 Nativity, 2pm
Thursday 8 th	Collective Worship Group to Leicester Cathedral (Held Together Pilgrimage Service)
	Y2 Christmas Craft Club, 3.30 – 4.15pm Art Block
Friday 9 th	PTA Christmas Fair, 3.30 – 5pm (please note correct time – changed last year because of snow!)
Saturday 10 th	Christingle Service, 4pm St Dionysius
Sunday 11 th	Fairtrade Stall at St Dionysius Family Service
Tuesday 13 th	KS2 Carol Service, 7pm St Dionysius
Thursday 15 th	KS2 Swimming Gala FS Nativity, 2pm
	Y2 Christmas Craft Club, 3.30 – 4.15pm Art Block
Tuesday 20 th	School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 21 st	Y6 Beaumanor Victorian Christmas day
Thursday 22 nd	End of Term Service, 9.30am St Dionysius

Thursday 22nd December, 3.15pm – End of Term
School opens Monday 9th January 2012