



NEWSLETTER - 18th September 2009

It's hard to believe that we've been back to school for two weeks already. We are pleased with the way the children have settled into their new classes and as usual the behaviour of the children has been very good.

As is often the case at the beginning of the school year, we have been focussing on school and class routines and rules, and revisiting our behaviour code. A copy of this will be sent home to parents in the near future for your information and for you to sign and return to school.

Our new Reception children start full time on Monday so we look forward to them joining the rest of the children in the hall at lunchtime and on the playground in the morning.

The Creative Curriculum

We began our school year with a whole school focus on the author Allan Ahlberg. All of the children throughout the school have read a range of poems and stories by this author and completed related activities and work. This culminated in a whole school Allan Ahlberg assembly last Friday when we celebrated the children's achievements. It was a super way to start the year and great to see all children focussing on the same theme at the appropriate levels.

Each year group is now starting work on their own Creative theme for this term with some classes enjoying launch days and arranging trips to support their learning. Thank you to parents for their support with trips and dressing up costumes for activities in school.

Curriculum maps for the term will be sent home on Monday, explaining the theme and key skills your children will be learning, so please look out for them. They will also outline the weekly homework for each class and any future events.

Crossing Patrol Update

I am delighted to inform you that Mary Holland will be starting work on Monday as our new crossing patrol. Thank you to all our families for their patience and support during the last couple of months when we have been without our crossing patrol.

Children Starting School in September 2010

We will be circulating the admissions pack and our school prospectus to all families who have registered an interest with us for their son or daughter to join our school next September. We will also be arranging some open days for families to look around our school - more information will follow in the near future. The closing date for these applications is January 15th 2010.

Applications for Secondary Education - September 2010

If your son or daughter is currently in Year 6 please remember to complete your application for a secondary school place - the closing date is 31st October 2009.

Extra Curricular clubs

We still have places on some of our extra curricular clubs for this half term. Please inform the office if your son/ daughter would like a place on one - unfortunately if we don't have enough children attending then we will have to cancel them as they will not be financially viable. Outlined below is an overview of the activities that will be included in each session- they are fun activities for children to enjoy particularly as the Autumn and Winter evenings draw in.

Multisports- The children will develop their skills in a variety of sports including tennis, basketball, cricket, table tennis, rugby and frisbee games.

Dance - The class will focus on a different dance style each week including cheerleading, modern, streetdance, jazz and Irish dancing.

Drama - During these classes the children will participate in a range of games and role play activities around the theme of citizenship. This may also provide the opportunity for some performances.

Harvest festival

This year we will be supporting the local community and homeless in Coventry by collecting packets and tins of food. St Christopher's church will be distributing the food parcels to the elderly within the local area and taking the rest to support the homeless. If you feel you can support us in this then please send all contributions into school during the week beginning 28th September. (We will send out reminders nearer the time!)

In addition we will be collecting money for the charity Barnardos, who will be talking to the children during our assembly on 28th September. More information will follow.

Music Lessons

We currently have spaces for children in violin and recorder lessons. If your child is interested in learning one of these instruments, please call into school.

Running Club for Children and Adults

Mr Styles is again organising a running club. This will take place on Thursdays, starting 24th September. If you or child would like to take part please meet at the school at 4.45pm for approximately 30mins. Children must be dropped off and collected by an adult.

Christmas Theatre Trips

Reception, Years 1 and 2 will this year be visiting the pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" at the Belgrade Theatre.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting Warwick Arts Centre for their traditional production of "Cinderella". More information will follow next week.

Monday 21st September

Monday 28th September

Wednesday 30th September

Thursday 1st October

Friday 2nd October

Monday 5th October

Tuesday 6th October

Monday 12th October

Thursday 22nd October

Monday 2nd November

Friday 20th November

Monday 23rd November

Friday 27th November

Friday 4th December

Wednesday 9th December

Thursday 10th December

Friday 11th December

Tuesday 15th December

Friday 18th December

Reception children's first full day

Barnardos fundraising assembly

Year 1 visit to Avoncroft Museum

Special Needs Parent's meeting - 7pm

School Council Elections - Y2- Y6

Harvest Festival Assembly

Parents Consultation Evening (Y1 - Y6)

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Fun for Fathers evening - 5-7pm

Break up for half term - Non uniform day

First day back after the half term holiday

Year 5 class assembly - 9.05am

Fun for Fathers evening - 5-7pm

Year 6 class assembly - 9.05am

PTA Christmas Fayre

9.30am Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas production

2.30pm Rec, Y1 & Y2 Christmas production

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Year 6 residential visit to Doly - Moch, North Wales

Y6 return from Doly - Moch

Christmas holidays begin



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