

WORLD BOOK DAY

8th October was world book day and Ballifield celebrated by officially launching our new library. Both the staff and children made an extraordinary effort to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



We'd also like to thank you for your donations to the Pakistan Flood Appeal which raised £136.90 for this great cause.

Some pictures taken around school on the day can be seen on our website - www.ballifield.co.uk.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are always looking at new and innovative ways of using the school website to communicate and are delighted to announce a new feature in response to feedback from parents.



Home Learning Help for Adults is a new area we are planning where you will be able to watch very short videos which demonstrate how the children are taught to do maths etc... We hope you'll find these useful!

Also on the website you can download holiday calendars, uniform order forms and holiday absence requests. It also contains all of schools policies and contact details for childminders. The website also features news and pictures of latest events Ballifield has taken part in.

We have also teamed up with **easyfundraiser.com**. If you visit our website and click on the link on our home page before you place your order at major web retailers such as Amazon, Comet, M&S and Play.com, every time you make a purchase, our school receives a percentage of the price paid.

These are the same prices that you would pay normally. Please be assured we have no access to ANY of your personal data or where or what you have purchased. We hope you will bear us in mind before you do your online Christmas shopping!

**Just to remind you, our web address is:
<http://www.ballifield.co.uk>**

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Our school receives high praise for the enrichment activities it provides and staff try hard to secure best value for our families. However, we are acutely aware of the current climate and are keen to avoid being the cause of more financial pressure. There will be a full consultation in December in order to gain your views.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Fayre has become an annual event and this year will be held on Saturday 4th December between 11am and 1pm. It has been moved to the weekend to cope with the overwhelming support you gave us last year and hope we get a similar turnout this time.



We hope you will be able to sell the raffle tickets and if you feel able to, additional books are available from Mrs Brown in the school office.

The parent's group meet each Monday at 6.30pm at school and newcomers are always very welcome.

LEARNING CHAMPIONS

The following pupils have been awarded this enviable title this half term in recognition of their positive attitude and learning Skills.



Hamza Abbas	Jack Montgomery
Annabel Adams	Joel Pett
Olivia Cartledge	Jack Rodgers
Brad Harrison	Heather Spooner
Brady Marcroft-Wren	Isaac Wade

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Its been an extremely busy start to the school year and I'm delighted that everyone has settled into their classes so quickly. Our new library is gradually coming into use as more and more pupils take advantage of this excellent facility.

The school library service have supplied us with hundreds of new books with an excellent selection of fiction titles which we hope will make reading fun.

I'd like to welcome Julie Bailey as our new parent governor and thank Simon Rodgers for agreeing to continue his role as a parent representative also.

Thank you for your support of the harvest festival. Your gifts were warmly received by the "Roundabout" group who support 150 homeless teenagers in Sheffield. The charity informed us that they will be able to feed the youngsters right up to Christmas!

Please remember that Monday 1st November is a staff training day and that children return to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

Sheila Haigh