

# Newsletter - October 2012

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Once again, our harvest festival was a massive success, thanks to your overwhelming support. We filled over 30 carrier bags with tins and packets of food.



The gifts were warmly received by the "Roundabout" charity who support 150 homeless teenagers in Sheffield.

Your kind donations will be used to stock the kitchen at the hostel as well as being made into 'starter' packages for the homeless young people moving into their first homes.

## **PARKING**

Could we please ask that parents park with courtesy to our neighbours at the start and end of the day. We have recently had several complaints from local residents regarding blocked drives and restricted access.



Can we also remind parents that the yellow zig-zag lines outside school are there for the safety of your children and parking on these as well as picking up and dropping off is strictly prohibited.

Our local community support officers will be making regular checks and issuing penalty notices where appropriate.

## **WEBSITE BLOGS**

A quick reminder that parents will be able to keep up to date with the Y4 trip to Thornbridge next month and the Y6 residential visit to Caythorpe via the blogs on our website - [www.ballifield.co.uk](http://www.ballifield.co.uk).



Staff on the visit will be letting you know what the children have been up to and how everyone is getting on.

It is usually updated twice a day apart from on the coming home days when we will keep you updated with arrival times as and when we get updates from the coach.

**We break up for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 26th October**

**Please remember that Monday 5th November is a staff training day and that children return to school on Tuesday 6th November after the half term break.**

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

We are delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Fayre this year will be held on Sunday 2nd December between 11am and 1pm.



Raffle tickets will be coming out soon and if you require them, additional books will be available from Mrs Brown in the school office.

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

## **JOB VACANCIES**

We currently have part time vacancies available for a Lunchtime Supervisor (11.50am - 1.05pm each day) and a Cleaner (7.00am - 8.00am and 4.00pm - 6.00pm each day).

Application forms and Job Descriptions can be collected from the school office. There is also full details of the posts available on the Sheffield City Council website—[www.sheffield.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/jobs). Closing date for both jobs is 2nd November.

## **TIMEKEEPING**

As part of our attendance monitoring, we have noticed an increase in the number of late marks throughout the school.



It is really important that children are in school and settled for 8.50am so they don't miss the introduction to lessons in key subjects.

School has a breakfast club from 8.00am every morning (last orders at 8.30am) as well as an after school provision from 3.15pm to 6pm Mon to Weds.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...**

It has been an extremely busy start to the school year and I'm delighted that everyone has settled into their classes so quickly.

The children are keen to begin their sponsored read to reap the ward of book tokens. We have reminded them NOT to knock on doors for sponsors and know you will reinforce this at home.

Thank you to all parents who attended the recent parents evening. We hope that the discussions were useful and you feel well informed about your child's learning targets in Maths and English as well as their "learning challenge" topics. If not do ask the teachers and look in your child's work books!

*Sheila Haigh*