

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Once again, our harvest festival was a massive success, thanks to your overwhelming support. We filled over 35 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.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We are delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Fayre this year will be held on Sunday 8th December between 11am and 1pm.

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

The parent's group will be meeting each Monday after half term at 6.30pm in school and newcomers are always very welcome to join us.



WEBSITE BLOGS

A quick reminder that parents will be able to keep up to date with the Y6 residential visit to Conover Hall via the blog on our website - 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.



Can you please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school at all times. These can be refilled from the water collers around school.

We break up for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 25th October

Please remember that Monday 4th November is a staff training day and that children return to school on Tuesday 5th November

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS

Once again we are collecting the Let's grow vouchers from Morrisons. Last year we collected enough for lots of gardening equipment, seeds and compost for our Eco Warriors to use.

The scheme is about to end so can you please bring any vouchers to school by Friday 8th November so that we don't miss the deadline.

Thank you for the 8,000 Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers you collected for us. We used them to restock the play equipment for the children to use at break and at lunch times.



F2 PARENT WORKSHOP ON "LETTERS AND SOUNDS"

This was well attended and very successful. We received positive feedback and requests for a similar evening focused on maths methods and calculations.

TERM TIME LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The five schools in our local family are working together closely to ensure fair and consistent implementation of the statutory requirements. Please be advised that "exceptional circumstances" do not include weddings abroad or milestone birthdays.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

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

I'm delighted to welcome Mrs Sara Jubb and Councillor Mick Rooney onto our Governing body. As you may have seen in the news, there are many changes coming rapidly to the way schools are run and managed so it is important we have the necessary skills and experience amongst our governors so that Ballifield is well positioned to continue to meet the needs of our children.

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, please do ask the teachers and look in your child's work books!

Sheila Haigh