

Newsletter - October 2014

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A sincere thank you to everyone who made our harvest festival such a massive success. Thanks to your generous contributions we filled over 35 carrier bags with tins and packets of food.



Once again we were proud to support the Roundabout charity who work with over 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 30th November between 11am and 1pm.



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.

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 7th November so that we don't miss the deadline.

Thank you for the 7,000 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.

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

We break up for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 24th October

Please remember that Monday 3rd November is a staff training day and that children return to school on Tuesday 4th 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 the after school club provided by JPAC from 3.15pm to 6pm every day.

PARKING

Can we please remind parents and carers that due to the narrow driveway and limited space, that our car park is for staff and approved visitors only.

Therefore can we please ask that parents park considerately on the road way when dropping off or collecting your children **at all times, including when attending breakfast club or after school activities.**

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 know you are as delighted as I am with the new classrooms which offer a learning environment far superior to the old mobiles. Its also fantastic to have some dedicated meeting rooms and a lovely new reception to greet you in.

Our children continue to enjoy a range of extra-curricular activities including Art, Dance, Cross Country Running, Basketball, Choir etc... they have excelled already in many competitions and we are really proud to be able to call ourselves a "Champion Music School". Our Y3/4 South Yorkshire gym champions were runners up in The Star "Best in education" awards.

The school renewed the Basic Skills Quality Mark in July and we are aiming for both the Arts Mark and Science Mark awards. We shall keep you informed of the progress.

Thank you to all parents who attended the STAT briefings. We hope that the discussions were useful and you feel well informed about the new methods of assessment which your child's teacher will be using.