

# Newsletter - October 2015

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

A sincere thank you to everyone who made our harvest festival such a massive success. Thanks to your generous contributions we filled a record number of 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 very needy young people moving into their first homes.

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

We are pleased to announce that our annual Christmas Fayre this year will be held on Sunday 29th 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.

## **BOOK FAYRE**

This years Usborne book event was the best ever raising £1,708 for new books in the school. Over the last four years you have raised nearly £6,000 to improve our book stock.



## **POPPY APPEAL**

After the break we shall be selling a selection of merchandise in order to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. As usual a remembrance observation will take place in school at 11am on Armistice Day.



## **UNIFORM**

Staff have noticed a large number of children wearing grey or red cardigans/jumpers. Although they look smart they do not comply with our uniform policy which parents preferred to be compulsory.

## **TIMEKEEPING AND ATTENDANCE**

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.



The school is expected to at least meet the national average attendance of 96%. Some classes are well below this so please help us to ensure that our children attend school every day. Obviously a bout of sickness does require 24hrs recovery time to avoid tummy bugs spreading.

## **PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL**

For some time now we have been unable to accept cheques as a method of payment for School Dinners and contributions to school visits.



From after the Christmas Break, we will also be unable to accept cash also. This is due to insurance restrictions being placed on the amount of cash we can hold in school.

Our online payment system will be used for everything you currently send money to school for. If you are unable to access the internet or do not hold a credit or debit card, please call in at the school office and we can arrange for a PayPoint card to be issued so payments can be made in the same way as Gas and Electricity top ups.

In the next few months we will be launching an online uniform ordering shop where payments will be accepted via PayPal. Until this is launched we will still be accepting cash only as a method of payment.

Thankyou for your co-operation with this

## **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.

We had an excellent turn out to Parents Evenings and hope that you found these meetings helpful and informative. FS2 parents provided very positive feedback regarding the Phonics Workshops.

Our children continue to enjoy a range of extra-curricular activities including Art, 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 Y4 classes were invited to sing at the Music Hub Conference at the Town Hall and received high praise from the delegates who attended.

The school achieved the silver Science Mark Award. This acknowledges high quality science teaching and learning. Mr Plowright is already implementing a plan to achieve gold.

*Sheila Haigh*

**We break up for half term at 3.15pm  
on Friday 23rd October**

**Please remember that Monday 2nd November is  
a staff training day and that children return to  
school on Tuesday 3rd November**