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Newsletter November 2011

Dear Parent/Carer,

Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all the children for taking part in our sponsored walk. We have now received most of the sponsor money in to the school office, and I am delighted to tell you that we have already raised about £820. This will be used to pay for a visit from a theatre company in the summer term to put on a show for the whole school, for the costs of the Christmas parties in school, and to buy new play equipment for play times. Thank you very much for all your support in raising this terrific amount, and if you have any further money to hand in please bring it to the school office as soon as possible.

The Poppy Appeal has also been supported very well, and I will let you know how much we raised once the Royal British Legion send us the final amount.

'Pop In' Sessions

We have been very pleased to see how popular the Friday 'Pop In' sessions have become, when all parents are invited to call into the classrooms for the last few minutes of Friday afternoon, usually the third Friday of the month, and see a piece of the children's recent work chosen by the child and teacher. I would just like to remind you that these are very busy times for the teachers, who are trying to keep an eye on the whole class and make sure that the children are leaving the classroom with the right adult, and so it is a very difficult time for them to talk in depth with you about any concerns you may have about your child. The teachers would appreciate it if you would make an arrangement to see them at another time if you have a concern, so that they can give you their undivided attention and speak with you more privately.

The next 'pop in' session was scheduled for Friday 18th November, but as it is parents evening time next week we are aware that most parents will have just been in and seen the children's work. Therefore we have decided to postpone the next 'pop in' time until Friday 2nd December.

Parent Questionnaires

When you come in to school next week for your parents' evening consultations, you will be given a copy of our annual questionnaire for parents. We would be very grateful if you would take a few moments to complete this and post it in the box outside the office. The staff, governors and I value the views and comments of parents a great deal and always seek to respond to the feedback you give, so please help us by filling in the questionnaire. For those families who are not able to attend a parents' evening appointment, we will send the questionnaire home in your child's bookbag.

ESA Disco

Following the recent meeting of the ESA committee, I am pleased to confirm that the Christmas disco will be going ahead on Tuesday 13th December. This year there will an invitation to come in fancy dress, with a small prize for the best costumes, and we have also decided to change the start and finish times. So please note that the disco for children in Reception and KS1 will begin at 5.30 and finish at 6.30 p.m. and the KS2 disco will begin at 6.45 p.m. and end at 8.00 p.m.. Information about tickets will be sent home to you nearer the time.

Children in Need

Next Friday, 18th November, will be 'Children in Need' day. Our school council have decided that they would like to have a non-uniform day to raise money for this very worthwhile charity. So if your child would like to support Children in Need, he or she may come to school out of uniform for this special day, preferably wearing something red or yellow, and donate £1 to the charity.

The 'Green Schools Revolution'

Over the last few weeks all the classes in school have started to work towards our school gaining an Eco-Schools award. We have been trying to reduce our energy use by switching off lights and computers when they are not needed and we have thought about recycling and wasting less paper. This fits very well with our existing learning about sustainability and our use of wind and solar power to generate some of our own electricity. Each class has elected a representative to our new 'Eco Council' and over the coming months we will continue to think about how we can save energy, reduce waste and develop biodiversity in the school grounds. As part of this work, the school has signed up to the Co-operative Society's campaign called the 'Green Schools Revolution', and you should find a leaflet in your child's bookbag today which shares some ideas you may wish to try at home too.

School Christmas Fair

Please book the date of our Christmas Fair in your diary or calendar – Thursday 8th December from 3.15 to 5.00 p.m.. We will have a great selection of stalls and games to interest all the family, including a competitions, tombola, raffle and some craft stalls. Please come along, and bring your extended family or friends too.

Yours sincerely

Fiona McCallum
Headteacher