

October 26th 2012

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy half term we have had! The children (and staff!) have settled really well into the new term and the school has been a hive of activity.....

#### Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the kind donations for our Harvest Festival and for attending our assembly. The children really enjoyed performing and I think they did a fantastic job. We raised £82.00 from selling the harvest bags, which we will send to the Albaraca School in Africa.

#### Sports For Schools

What a morning that was! It was great to see the school hall full of children and staff joining in with a circuit of activities. There was music playing, arms and legs going and children cheering each other on. The demonstration by the gymnast was a great hit with the children! The sponsored activities helped raise a lot of money which resulted in approximately £300 being given to the Action for Children charity and £240 being given to the school to spend on sports equipment. This money has been spent on foam javelins and hurdles.

#### Literacy Week

A big thank you to Mrs Glenister for organising a fantastic literacy week. The children experienced a variety of exciting activities including a visit from a theatre group and a book fair. The week was brought to a fantastic end with staff and children dressing up as animal characters from traditional tales. There is a lovely display in the hall that has been created by the children and Mrs Glenister, along with some photos of the week.

*COMING SOON.....*

#### Coffee Morning

On November 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a coffee morning, in the hall, providing parents with an opportunity to meet a variety of people linked to the school. This includes me, Governors, Karen Grieves (Family Support Worker) and hopefully a representative for the PTA. Please come along for a cuppa and some biscuits!

#### Supporting Charities

This year we will be raising money for Children in Need and will be dressing up SPOTTY on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We will be asking for a donation of 50p on that day and if we're lucky we may be getting a visit from Pudsey Bear!

Reminders!!

Don't forget school will be closed to children on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November (Occasional day) and on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (INSET)

Parent Evening lists will be out by the school office from 3.15pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please put your child's name next to the time you would like.

And finally.....

It is with much sadness that I announce that Miss Crump (Year 2) will be leaving us at Christmas. She is an excellent teacher who is thought of extremely highly by staff, parents and children and we will all miss her very much. BUT we wish her all the very best in her new job and know that she will be fantastic in her new role.

We have interviewed and appointed a new teacher, to start in January, to take over Miss Crump's class and can assure you she will continue the excellent work Miss Crump has started. There will be meetings between the two teachers to ensure a smooth transition for the children. More details will follow after half term.

Have a good rest over half term and we look forward to seeing you on the 5<sup>th</sup> November as we head towards Christmas!!

Kind Regards

Claire Gunn