



NEWSLETTER 7

FRIDAY October 24th 2008

End of term 1!

Term 1 has flown by for me and I can't believe we are almost ready for the first holiday! At the end of the first week I said we had had a fantastic week- now I want to add that we have had a fantastic term! The children have conducted themselves well during a very long term and the amount of work they have covered has been tremendous. Highlights of their work so far for me have been the singing that I regularly listen to from my office, the quality of the work on display in the classrooms and the enthusiasm that has been shown for the sports coaching. I hope all staff and children have a well earned break, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Wednesday 5th November**.

EDF Tag Rugby Competition

On the morning of Wednesday 22nd October Year 6 took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament organised by Bristol Rugby. We entered 2 teams into the tournament, 1 team played in the Wooden Spoon Competition and the other team played in the EDF Competition to go to Twickenham.

Team 1 included Mitchell Avery (captain), Kara Pring, Ellen Bowditch, Michael Pope-Robbins, Olivia Hallett, James Lister, Ben Bryant, Jordan Gingell, Matthew Leat, Rhys Gregory which played in the possible Twickenham tournament. Team 2 included Matthew Packer (captain), Lizzie Schlick, Emily Jones, Charley Hutton, Connor Wiltshire, Eloise Underhill, Chris Bray, Thomas Noble, Katie George, Edward Broadbent, Elliott Veale which competed in the Wooden Spoon Competition. Team 1's first game was against St Barnabas and had a great win with a score of 9-5. Team 1's second game was against Barrs Court with another amazing win of 9-0. Team 1's final game was a very tense decider between Longwell Green and Hanham Abbots. With pressure on each team's shoulders both teams dropped the ball but Hanham Abbots took the victory of the result of 4-1.

Team 2's first game was against The Park School with an unfortunate loss at the score of 6-4. Team 2's second game was against Hanham Abbots with another unfortunate defeat with the score of 6-4. Team 2's final match was against Courtney School with much better result of 6-6. At the end everybody got together to hear the 2 winners. The winner of The Wooden Spoon Competition was The Park School. For the possible opportunity to go Twickenham it was a Hanham Abbots by one Try. It was a brilliant morning that everybody enjoyed and we admit there were a lot of different abilities shown.

Emily and Cara

School Meals

On Wednesday, 5th November there will be a change of menu. Mrs Hawkins will be preparing the Week 3 Monday menu, instead of Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will remain unchanged. Can we also remind parents that the cost of a cooked lunch is now £1.55 per day.

School Christmas Lunch has been arranged for **Friday, 12th December**, so please add this date to your calendar. Further details will be sent home nearer the time.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Book Fair this year. Total money collected is in the region of £930.00.

CHRISTMAS 2008 - SHOE BOXES FOR ROMANIA

THE CHILDREN OF LONGWELL GREEN SCHOOL, AND THEIR FAMILIES, HAVE SHOWN HOW KIND THEY ARE BY DONATING FOOD FOR OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL LAST WEEK; THE FOOD HAS NOW BEEN COLLECTED TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE RESIDENTS OF HAREFIELD HALL, COLLINGWOOD HOUSE AND ALFRED LOVELL GARDENS, AND I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PASS ON THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED AN ITEM OF FOOD. OUR NEXT VENTURE IS THE **CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL** ON BEHALF OF THE ELEANOR CHILDREN'S CHARITABLE TRUST. EACH FAMILY IS INVITED TO PREPARE A BOX OF GOODIES TO BE SENT TO ROMANIA FOR CHRISTMAS, MAKING CHRISTMAS A SPECIAL TIME FOR A CHILD IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. INFORMATION WILL BE IN YOUR CHILD'S FRIDAY FOLDER. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SHOE BOXES IS **FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2008**.

Hooke Court Assembly

Following our successful and enjoyable trip to Hooke Court, Year 6 have prepared an assembly to share the learning that took place that week.

Parents of Year 6 children are invited to come into school and watch their assembly on **Friday 7th November at 9:15am**.

Walk to School Fortnight

A huge thank you to everybody who took part in our walk to school fortnight. The School Council have looked at the number of times children in each class walked to school or used the Park and Stride facilities.

*As a school we managed to walk a total of **2015** journeys in the two weeks and use the Park and Stride **684** times. This is a fantastic effort and shows we can all do our bit for road safety and the environment when we make a concerted effort.*

A special well done to C5 who recorded more walks and uses of the Park and Stride than any other class. They have won the chance to choose an extra games lesson at any time of their choosing.

Dates for your Diary- a reminder!

Wednesday 10th December – Infant Nativity at 2.15 pm.

Thursday 11th December – Infant Nativity at 2.15 pm.

Please can I say a big thank you to everyone who made last Saturday's Auction of Promise such a successful evening. As you will know the aim of the evening was to provide an extra 1000 books for the children to use and help develop their reading. I am glad to announce thanks to the terrific support leading up to the event in terms of promises pledged (including a big thank you to all parents and friends who made promises) and the excellent turn out on the evening this objective was achieved and the books have been bought and will be in use immediately.

Whilst it seems to have been a busy few weeks in terms of events, we just wanted to remind you of what is coming up in November/December.

- Monday 10th November – Christmas Disco (Friday 12th Dec) tickets will be on sale. Please complete the slip which will be in the Friday folder on Friday 7th November. Please remember this is a very popular event and tickets are likely to sell out very quickly.
- Monday 17th November – Festive Fayre (Saturday 29th November) Grotto tickets will be on sale – again please return your slips ASAP to avoid disappointment.
- We are also in the process of producing a school calendar (containing drawings done by each child) and these should be available as from Saturday 29th November.

Chris Pring

Chair of Friends of Longwell Green School

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All children aged 5 to 11 are invited to an HALLELUJAH PARTY on Friday 31st October from 5.30 to 7.00 at Hanham Baptist New Hall. The party theme will be 'Noah's Ark' so feel free to come to the party dressed as your most favourite animal.

Please contact hbchallelujahparty@hotmail.co.uk if you would like your child to attend.