

## **NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2008**

Can we remind you that on Friday we break up for the half term holiday. We return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!

### **Miss Davies-Griffith**

Sadly on Friday we are saying Goodbye to Miss Davies-Griffith. In her time with us she has been a very popular teacher due to her hard work and dedication to the job. She really cares about the welfare and education of the children and will be sadly missed. We wish her well for her new life in Newport, Shropshire, and hope she will keep in touch!

Replacing her will be Mr. Halliday who will join us in January from Bromley Hills Primary School in Dudley. In the meantime we have been very fortunate to acquire the services of Mr. Warden, a teacher with vast experience, who will take temporary responsibility for Year 5.

### **Harvest**

Thank you for your food donations in response to our Harvest Festival. This year we have decided to send all food donated to a local Women's refuge. They will be collecting the food on Friday morning so if you have any further donations you would like to make before Friday, we would be delighted to have them!

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

It is your legal obligation as parents to ensure that your child attends school every day and on time. Recently, the only thing that OFSTED graded less than good about our school was the attendance figure. This is really out of my hands and I would urge you to work with me to try and ensure that we get children attending school more regularly. In saying this, it is only about 10 families who drag our figures down and I will be talking with each of these families after half term if the situation doesn't improve!

### **Shoes for school**

A number of girls have recently come to school wearing inappropriate footwear. I will not allow large heels on shoes or boots because they can cause a danger to the wearer and to others. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate footwear.

### **Breaktime Snacks**

I am currently concerned about many of the snacks the children are bringing to eat at breaktimes. We would like to encourage all children to bring 'healthier' snacks. We suggest fruit, vegetables, low-sugar cereal bars and/or healthy options. We discourage crisps, chocolate or sugar-based sweets. Our aim is not only to promote healthy eating, but also to reduce litter on the school grounds.

### **School Photographer**

The photographer will be in school from 8.30am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you wish your child to have a photograph taken with a sibling not in school, please bring the other children in at 8.30am, as the group/family photos will be taken first.

### **Gymnastics and Athletics Clubs**

These clubs will restart after the half term break. I have been able to find another provider for the club and the new coach will start work with the children on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your patience whilst I have worked at resolving the problems we have had!

**Dates For Your Diary:**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2008	Children In Need Day - £1 to wear non uniform
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	KS1 Nativity at 2pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	KS1 Nativity at 2pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	Christmas Carol Service at 9.30am in Church
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	Christmas parties in school and Christmas Meal
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	Playground Christmas Carol Service – 2.00pm Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Staff Training Day – <b><u>NO CHILDREN</u></b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>