



# NEWSLETTER

## 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011



### **Children in Need Day**

The children have enjoyed wearing non uniform and being very spotty. A large number of cakes have been consumed and competitions are in full swing! We will let you know how much money we have raised as soon as possible.

### **Book Fair**

A Book Fair was held this week and was, as always, well supported. Thanks to your generosity we took £850.00 and Scholastic Books reward us with a large percentage of commission which will be spent on books for both classrooms and the library which will greatly benefit the children.

### **Punctuality**

As you know, school begins each day at 8.55 am. Doors are open at 8.45 to welcome children into school. However, a significant number of children regularly arrive late for school; after the gates have closed at 8.55 a.m. These late arrivals are at present logged by the staff but from Monday 21st November any children arriving after the gate has closed will receive a late mark in the register and on the system. Registers will close at 9.25 a.m. and children arriving after this time will be recorded as having an absence. A letter will be sent to parents whose children are regularly late.

I am sure you will agree with us that punctuality is important for developing work place skills and arriving late in the classroom is a negative start to the day for every child. We appreciate that sometimes there are exceptional circumstances when lateness is unavoidable and if you have any concerns around this issue please do not hesitate to contact the school.

In addition, from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> we will be discouraging parents from entering school after 8.55am. Parents in Foundation stage and Key stage 1 arriving before this time will still be able to enter school to speak to staff, change reading books etc.

Classes whose children all arrive on time for a week will be rewarded with additional playtimes as we currently do for full attendance. I am sure you will work with us to support this drive to get children to school on time.

### **Ofsted Report**

Thank you once again to everyone who sent their support this week during Ofsted. Thank you also to parents for returning the questionnaires. The report will be made available to you as soon as we receive it.

### **Additional letters**

As well as this newsletter, there are two additional letters being sent home today. The first is regarding Art Week requesting parent helpers - 28<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The second letter is regarding Strike Action on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

### **PTA Gifts**

Please donate any unwanted gifts in boxes provided to help raise money at PTA events.