

Much Marcle News

3rd December 2008

Council Meeting

John Reed, Chair of Governors, David Adams and myself attended the Conference about School Review on December 2nd. Herefordshire Council sent out a press release to all schools today. Here is an extract.

"Herefordshire Council has agreed to establish a task group of school representatives and council officers, to work on a long-term strategy to continue providing the county's children with high educational standards.

As promised, no new proposals were tabled and professional discussions took place about falling pupil numbers, reduced government funding, government changes to the school admissions code and increasing costs. These were followed by group activities where, working in clusters, schools were able to get round the table with councillors and officers to ask questions and make their views known.

We will continue to lobby politically for fairer funding. Herefordshire is the third worst funded education authority in the country and we are telling ministers that we cannot sustain such high standards of education given the low levels of funding that we have to endure."

Disco

Just a reminder the School Disco starts at 5.00pm on Thursday 4th December and ends at 7.00pm. FAST Club is now full.

School Play

The School Play will be on Wednesday and Thursday next week. We will start at 2.00pm and tickets are £2.00 each. Please have your order and payment in by Friday to enable us to confirm numbers.

Website

As you know, the pupils and staff have been compiling the information we want on our website. If all goes to plan we will 'go live' on Friday 12th December.

Football and Netball

Despite the cold, our football and netball players have practised regularly and even managed to play some games. Last week they played Eastnor, away. The scores were

Football

Eastnor 1 Much Marcle 1

Netball

Eastnor 7 Much Marcle 4

Football Tournament

The Year 3s and 4s footballers played in a tournament at John Masefield High School on 25th November. The 'A' Team finished 4th and the 'B' Team finished 6th. A very good performance for their school competition.

Christmas Lunch

What a wonderful response we have had to our Christmas Lunch! This really is the highlight of our Christmas celebrations. Everybody will sit down and eat a lunch together on Thursday 18th December. We are really looking forward to experiencing our first hot meal from our new caterers. Their reputation for fresh, nutritious food seems to be well founded. Please ensure your orders for the Christmas Lunch and for hot meals next term are in school by 12th DECEMBER AT THE LATEST.

Pantomime

As you know, our tickets for Aladdin have been booked since July. This is another exciting Christmas treat for the children (and staff!). The cost of this event is subsidised through your contributions to the PTA throughout the year. On behalf of all the children and the staff I would like to thank you for your generosity as this truly does benefit every child. I realise that this is an expensive time of the year and if anybody is having difficulty in meeting the cost of the pantomime for their family, please contact me or Mrs Park.

Important Dates

December

- 4th School Disco
- 9th Dress Rehearsal - School Play
9.30am (Village Hall)
- 10th School Play 2.00pm
- 11th School Play 2.00pm
- 18th School Christmas Lunch
- 19th Aladdin
- 19th Break up Today

January

- 7th Back to school
- 13th ACTS II Assembly
- 15th Football/Netball v Ashperton
- 21st Cluster Cross Country
- 21st Governors Meeting

February

- 3rd Football/Netball v Cradley
- 3rd ACTS II Assembly
- 9th Holly Taylor (Bishops Pupil)
Work experience
- 13th Crucial Crew - Bosbury Village
Hall

Half term 16th - 20th February