

19<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Dear Parents

# <u>Ofsted</u>

Our Ofsted Report is now public. This means I can tell you how pleased we all are with the findings. I won't lift my favourite quotes as I am sure everybody will have their own. I would like to thank the Governors, staff, the pupils and you for everything you contribute to make this school what it is. We can all be proud to be part of Much Marcle Primary School.

## <u>School Play</u>

The rehearsals are well under way. This year we are tackling a very difficult play with some interesting themes, which link to our RSC work. I am sure you will all be very impressed. The Dress Rehearsal will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July starting at 9.30am. This is open to all parents/grandparents and children under school age. We arrange this to ensure that the evening performances are not disrupted by little ones.

This year the play will be longer than usual with an interval in the middle. It is not suitable for preschool children. Every parent wants to hear and see their child. The children work very hard to get it 'right on the night'. It is not fair to them if their performance is interrupted by little ones.

## <u>School Swim Team</u>

This Saturday the swim team comprising Will Park, Dan Clark, Joseph Cotton and Millie Park will all be competing at the National Relay Championships at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. Good luck children and thank you to Haygrove for sponsoring hoodies for the team and to Mrs Park for organising their entry.

## <u> Multi-Skills Festivals</u>

The children in Class 3 have had the opportunity to participate in a sports festival held at John Masefield over the last couple of weeks. They were asked to dress in the colours of Italy, and they thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

# <u>Boys' Cricket</u>

Held at Colwall Cricket Club on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, the team performed brilliantly, beating Ashperton and Cradley in the group stages. In the final, they came up against a strong Colwall side and unfortunately were beaten by 17 runs. A tremendous effort.

## <u>Girls' Cricket</u>

Having won the cluster cricket the previous week, the girls journeyed to Bartestree Cricket Club on Friday to take part in the county finals. In the group stages they beat Kington comfortably, before losing a tight match to Leominster. On wickets taken, the girls reached the county final against a large Hereford school, St Pauls. The girls showed great spirit and team work, but were very unlucky to lose to a side comprising eight year 6s. Another tremendous performance from Much Marcle on the sporting field.

### Take 5 Film Project

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June Class 3 were lucky enough to work with Rick from Catcher media. He helped us to film a poem as part of our 'Take 5' Film Project. It was fun on the film set and we are looking forward to editing our film over the next few weeks.

### Poets in School

We have come to the end of our "Poets in School event for 2009. The children have had input from four very different poets: Phillip Wells, Julie Boden, Chris White and Roshan Doug (the football poet!). Each visit was an enjoyable and enriching experience.

There will be a further opportunity for you to share these experiences with the children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the "Out Loud" event in Ledbury Community Centre. Here, a selection of children from each of the local schools will read examples of their work. Letters will follow shortly if your child is taking part.

## **Charity Collection**

If you have any old summer clothes, uniform, swimwear, shoes, trainers etc for children or small adults that you no longer require, Mrs Jill Scull is collecting these items to send to the Peace And Hope Trust which is based locally, and works directly with children in Nicaragua. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them into school and we will pass them onto Mrs Scull.

#### **Important Dates**

### June

24 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day - 10.00am start
	followed by Family Picnic
25 <sup>th</sup>	Moving Up Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Chance to Shine Cricket -
	Colwall Cricket Club
29 <sup>th</sup>	Janden Sports - John Masefield
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Photo
$30^{th}$	Year 3/4 Violin Concert

# July

- 6<sup>th</sup> Out Loud Poetry Festival
- 7<sup>th</sup> ACTS II Assembly
- 7<sup>th</sup> Play Dress Rehearsal 9.30am
- 7<sup>th</sup> Play Evening Performance
- 8<sup>th</sup> Play Evening Performance
- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Swimming Gala
- 15<sup>th</sup> Whole School Walk
- 16<sup>th</sup> 'Marcle's Got Talent'
- 17<sup>th</sup> Leavers' Service Break Up Today

### September

7<sup>th</sup> Back to School