

# Much Marcle News

27<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Dear Parents

This has been a very short half-term and a very busy one!

## Mr Szortowski

Our new Deputy Head will start in September, he will teach class 3 (year 3 and 4).

Mr Szortowski has visited school twice this term to meet the children and to attend staff meetings. He will be meeting with us again next half term and he will be here on June 30<sup>th</sup> for 'moving up day'.

## The Gruffalo's Child

The children from Classes 1 and 2 had a very enjoyable morning on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May when they went to The Courtyard, Hereford, to watch The Gruffalo's Child. We were very fortunate to be sat on the front three rows and the children thoroughly enjoyed the story. This was followed up with a creative drama workshop in school based on this very popular children's book.

## Sport in School

We have been fortunate to once again have Allan Hawkins in school to work with classes 3 and 4. This term he is developing their cricketing skills in readiness for the 'Kwik Cricket' and 'Chance to Shine' events in June and July.

## Sport After School Clubs

During the summer term, Athletics will take place after school on Tuesdays. If you would like your child to take part in this please ensure you send in their permission slip. Rounders will continue to take place after school on Thursdays. Thank you to Miss Evans and Ms Guest for these opportunities.

## Year Two Dance Club

Miss Gwynne, who is a qualified Zumba instructor, will run an after school dance class on Tuesdays next half term. A letter with consent form will go to year 2 in the first instance. I am sure they will enjoy it.

## The Wind in the Willows

This summer's performance will be 'The Wind in the Willows'. Class 4 have read through the script and are keen to start rehearsals. It looks like we will have some fun!

## Wider Opportunities - Music

Miss Sally Grant is working with Class 3 as part of the Wider Opportunities initiative through The Herefordshire Council Music Service. Last term, the children got to grips with drumming and this term they will have the opportunity to play the Ukulele!

## **KS2 Tennis**

Children from Classes 3 and 4 represented Much Marcle in the Primary Schools Tennis Competitions at John Masfield High School. The standard of play was excellent and our players managed to secure some very good results. Well done to all of the children who took part.

## **Forest Schools**

Key stage 1 children have come to end of their Forest School Sessions for this academic year. It has been a pleasure to observe the children develop their skills and confidence.

Key stage 2 children will participate in the sessions next half term. We are all looking forward to the culmination of our work in the Forest of Dean in July.

## **Pimms, Promises and Ploughmans**

### **8<sup>th</sup> July**

This promises to be a great event and a super way to raise money for our school. We already have some very interesting promises including a Meal for '4', Advance Driving Lesson, French Lesson, Kilim Rug, Boiler Service, Jewellery and Baking a Cake.

If you would like to 'offer a promise' speak to Ruth Jones, Saranna Jordan or call in to the school office.

## **Important Dates**

### **June**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Back to School
- 6<sup>th</sup> Class 4 - Crucial Crew, Hereford
- 7<sup>th</sup> ACTS II Assembly
- 7<sup>th</sup> KS2 Forest Schools
- 7<sup>th</sup> Rounders Tournament, Bosbury
- 8<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Day at JMHS
- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers' Photo
- 14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Forest Schools
- 16<sup>th</sup> Kenneth Stevens - Poet in School
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sports Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket
- 21<sup>st</sup> KS2 Forest Schools
- 21<sup>st</sup> Able Student Workshop - JMHS
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Able Student Workshop - JMHS
- 27<sup>th</sup> Janden Trophy - JMHS
- 28<sup>th</sup> KS2 Forest Schools
- 30<sup>th</sup> 'Moving Up' Day  
Mr Szortowski in school

### **July**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year 3/4 'Chance to Shine' Cricket
- 5<sup>th</sup> ACTS II Assembly
- 5<sup>th</sup> KS2 Forest Schools
- 8<sup>th</sup> PTA Promises Auction - Hellens
- 11<sup>th</sup> School Play Dress Rehearsal
- 12<sup>th</sup> KS2 Forest Schools
- 12<sup>th</sup> School Play (Evening)
- 13<sup>th</sup> School Play (Evening)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Whole School Trip to Forest of Dean
- 21<sup>st</sup> Break up for Summer Holidays