

Much More News

6th October 2011

Dear Parents

We have certainly started this school year with a flourish. The weather has been lovely and there has been so much happening in the first few weeks of term.

New Houses

The school council have worked with the staff and children to revamp our house system.

After much discussion and a school vote our new houses are ASH, BEECH, HAZEL and WILLOW. Each house has been assigned a colour: Yellow, Red, Green, Blue, and a teacher Ms Guest, Mrs Smith, Miss Evans and Mr Szortowski.

At the end of the year the house with the most house points will be awarded the Hambling Cup and their colours will be tied to the handles for the year.

On sports day the house who wins overall will have their colours tied to the Sports Cup.

Thank you to Sarah Admans and Poppy Park for their great organisational skills!

Attendance awards

Our attendance for summer term was 96% which is good. Those children with 100% attendance do not have the recognition they deserve.

We have discussed the ways in which we can acknowledge those children who do achieve 100% attendance and we have agreed that a certificate awarded termly leading to a small gift voucher for 3

terms of 100% attendance was a good idea.

Thank you to all those parents who support their child's education by ensuring their attendance is the best it can be.

New Parents Afternoon

Miss Evans welcomed the parents of the reception children into school on September 29th. The parents were given the opportunity to speak with Miss Evans and to practise phonics which was very entertaining

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mrs Allard, Mrs Stevens and all the staff organised an excellent coffee morning, in aid of cancer research, on September 30th. The children were delighted to be part of the morning serving cakes, organising seating and washing up. Our visitors were parents, grandparents, governors and our neighbours.

Everyone was very complimentary about the event and the opportunity to visit school. They were also very generous in their donations to Macmillan. We raised £300 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

The coffee morning was so successful for the village that we intend to repeat it in the spring term.

Maths Evening

Ms Guest introduced the evening with an explanation of the strands of maths taught throughout the school and an overview of expected levels of attainment at the end of each key stage.

The parents then visited the classes to experience the type of activities their children do every day.

The evening was well attended and the feedback from parents was very positive. This is another event we feel we should repeat next year.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is tomorrow at 2.00pm

Please send in a small contribution of dried or tinned goods. Your donations will be sent to the women's refuge in Hereford.

Everybody is welcome to return to school after the service to see their children's work.

The Big Apple Weekend

This weekend is the Big Apple weekend. The PTA will be providing tea and cakes in the village hall on Sunday afternoon. This is a good fund raising event for the school. Please support their request for cakes. A paper plate will be coming home today.

Dogs on the school grounds

I have received complaints from parents and neighbours about dogs within the school grounds and about fouling on the roadside and the Barton's field.

I am sorry to have to make this request but I will have to ask all parents to

refrain from bringing their dogs into the school grounds at anytime.

BBC Hereford & Worcester

The children have asked to sing in the church for the recording of Bible Sunday on Monday 17th October. The children have been rehearsing their songs in school and we are really looking forward to being part of the service.

Important Dates

October

7th Harvest Festival

11th PTA AGM

12th Class 4 Swim

17th 6.30pm St Bartholomew's Church

18th Class 2 and 3 Forest School

19th Class 4 Swim

20th Football/Netball v Colwall (H)

Half Term

24th - 28th October