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Dear Parents

It has been a very busy term for everyone in school. The children are showing signs of being ready for a holiday. Thank you for all your support this term the staff and children appreciate all you do to make the school the very best it can be.

On behalf of everyone in school I wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas holiday.

School Council Elections

Thursday 3rd November saw our annual School Council elections. In the days leading up to 'polling' day, children who wished to be elected gave speeches to the whole school on their ideas and policies. Everyone from year 2 upwards voted, but first they had to hand their registration card to the electoral officer. We had to remember to write only one cross on our ballot papers and put our votes in the correct ballot boxes. All of the staff got to vote too! We were guite nervous when we voted because we wanted to make the right decision. The votes were counted and we were excited to find out the result. We are very pleased with our choice of School Council.

Values for Life

Mrs Sally McCamley from the Hereford Diocesan Board of Education visited our school while the School Council elections were taking place. She really liked by how organised and well-mannered the children were and commented on our Values for Life display boards, which can be found in every classroom and in the school hall. Mrs McCamley was so impressed with the displays that she asked for a photograph of them to be included in the November edition of the Diocesan's 'In Touch' magazine. This months Value for Life is 'Thoughtfulness'.

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November the children and staff of Much Marcle CE Primary School showed their support for this year's excellent Children in Need campaign. Everybody brought in a contribution and wore something spotty. We managed to raise £106 for this fantastic charity and all had a great deal of fun in the process!

Young Voices

Class 4 (year 5 and 6 pupils) took part in the Young Voices concert at Birmingham's LG Arena on Monday 28th November. Young Voices is the largest organiser of school choir concerts in the world and involves thousands of children singing all at the same time to a live band and a huge audience. A parent wrote to school to thank us for providing the children with this opportunity. This is part of their letter.

The children's behaviour was as always exemplary and their singing was 'the best'.

Thank you to Ms Guest and Mrs Allard who worked so hard to prepare the children.

<u>Netball</u>

During November the netball team played a home fixture against Ashperton Primary. It was a very exciting, well matched game with both teams playing some good netball. We were on form with our shooting and managed to edge ahead to secure a win by 11 goals to 5. Well done to Roma, Poppy, Jessie, Sophie and Sarah.

<u>Football</u>



Read about our football team at Hereford United in our sports newsletter on the website.

The Primary Times

I am sure you have all heard about our new newspaper. It went on sale this week and sold out by lunch time. A second edition was produced the next day which also sold out. We are looking forward to the team's next edition in the spring.

Carol Concert and Nativity

The whole event was a perfect start to our Christmas celebrations. The children sang and performed their various roles beautifully. Thank you to all the parents for their support and for the mince pies!

Important Dates 2012

January

- 4th Spring term begins
- 9th PTA meeting Walwyn Arms
- 11th Class 3 swim
- 18th Class 3 swim
- 19th Class 3 Trip to The Courtyard
- 25th Class 3 swim

February

- 1st Class 3 swim
- 6th St. Briavels residential info evening
- 8th Class 3 swim
- 10th COFFEE MORNING

Half Term

13th - 17th February

February

- 21st Forest School Class 3 and 4
- 22nd Class 3 swim
- 28th Forest School Class 3 and 4
- 29th Class 3 swim
- 29th Parents' evening

March

- 6th Forest School Class 3 and 4
- 7th Class 3 swim
- 13th Forest School Class 3 and 4
- 14th Class 3 swim
- 20th Forest School Class 3 and 4
- 21st Class 3 swim
- 22nd St Briavels class 3
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- 30^{th} End of term

Easter Holiday

April 18th Summer term begins