



Hardwick Community Primary School Newsletter

January 20th 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians

A rather belated Happy New Year to you all! Your children are now back into the routines of school after the Christmas break and are all working hard! Thank you so much for completing the range of questionnaires that have come out recently, they gave us some really positive feedback about how involved you feel in the learning of your children and some good ideas for other ways we can make our communication with you even better.

Andy Matthews and Ruth French Co-Headteachers

Reception news

The children should now all be able to re-tell the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to you as well as telling you their alternative version! We have been very impressed with their story re-telling and they have done some wonderful written recordings of their own. We have explored symmetry and painted some colourful butterflies, which you should see hanging around the classroom soon. All of the children have come back from the Christmas break and responded really enthusiastically to our topic. We were very impressed with how keen they were to try a variety of foods and unsurprisingly the chocolate Swiss roll was a winner, Swiss cheese and salami also fared well but only a few children enjoyed the pickle! Next week we begin our learning about Chinese New Year and there will be some more food tasting as well as mask-making and problem-solving including the process of subtraction. Please make sure you send library books back in or please come and see us if you think your child has returned their book but has not come home with a new library book recently.

Year 1/2 news

We hope you all had a great Christmas. We have now started our Space topic and the children are thoroughly enjoying learning all about our solar system. There was even a trip to the moon planned; unfortunately the space craft broke down! We are hoping to have a star gazing evening on Monday the 6th of February, depending on the weather. We are also planning a space day which will involve the teachers and children dressing up as astronauts, aliens and scientists. We are hoping to do this in the penultimate week of term. We will send out letters shortly with more details.

Year 3/4 news

We are all thoroughly enjoying our discoveries about Ancient Egypt, and are already delighted to see some really creative home learning coming into school! You should all have received our new spelling lists yesterday and a covering letter that explained how we plan to use them. Do let us know if your child has not brought one home! We are also starting preparations for our Y3/4 production of Peter Pan. The performances will be in the last week of term, on the afternoon of Tuesday 27th March and the evening of Wednesday 28th March. Expect lots of pirates, lost boys and learning how to fly figuring quite large in your children's thoughts alongside Pharaohs and mummies in the next few weeks!

Year 5/6 news

We hope you have had a restful and healthy Christmas and wish all parents a Happy New Year. This term our topic work in year 5/6 is called 'PLANIMALS' which is a science-based topic. Thank you for your support with the autobiographies and we have spent a couple of weeks on biographies before moving on to the literacy work linked to the science topic - non-chronological reports and persuasive writing. We have started plant experiments in science and in art we are putting the final touches to the Indian masks and moving on to pattern and printing techniques linked to the topic.

Our PE this term is a rotation of hockey, football and basketball on Fridays and circuit training this half term on either Monday or Tuesday. Could you please ensure your child has suitable PE kit in school - they should be able to tell you which activity they are doing!

Headlice

Cold weather makes no difference to how much these lovely little pests like to feast on your children's blood. PLEASE check your children's hair regularly! It only needs one infested head to infest quite a few others pretty quickly!

Festive Extreme Reading

Do send any pictures in of your Christmas Extreme reading situations if you haven't done so already.

PTA - WONDERBALL

You should have received a Wonderball letter last week, don't forget to sign up, or do ask at the office for another one if you've not got it!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have another vacancy on our Governing Body, full details will be sent out next week.