



GRANDPARENTS' PICNIC

It was great to welcome so many grandparents and family to the recent YR and Y1 picnic. I know that the children thoroughly enjoyed the event and all the preparations towards it. It was lovely that so many grandparents were able to join the school for worship at the end of the day.

SPORTING SUCCESS



Both the football and the netball teams have enjoyed success in the last couple of weeks. Our footballers won their latest match with 6 goals to 0. The blossoming netball team achieved another great result for the school with a 11-4 win. Well done to all of the players and a huge thank you to Mr Sargeant and Mary Cornish who are coaching the teams to success.



ATTENDANCE

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, attendance for the last half of term was very good - over 97%. Improving attendance is a local authority and national priority as it has a profound affect upon the children's progress at school. It's worth knowing that Ofsted judges attendance over 96% to be good; from 95.1% - 96%, above average; 94%-95%, average; and anything below 94% low. **Our attendance target for 2009 - 2010 is 95.6%. Attendance for week ending 20th November was 95.7%.**

UNIFORM REMINDER

We are very proud of our school uniform which is smart, comfortable and practical. As mentioned at the beginning of the term, after a uniform review in the summer, governors decided to phase out white blouses in favour of the uniform royal blue polo shirt throughout the school. If your child has outgrown uniform and you are needing to purchase new before the start of the Spring Term, the school office still has polo shirts and sweatshirts available. Order forms are available from the foyer or the school office.

For reasons of health and safety and to avoid fashion statements, our uniform also consists of flat black shoes for both boys and girls. Neither boots nor trainers are part of the winter school uniform.

CHILDREN IN NEED

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to Children In Need last Friday. We raised a very respectable **£110.54.**



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Last chance to book your Christmas Dinner. KS1 Tuesday 15th Dec and KS2 Wednesday 16th December please place your money in an envelope to the school office by **FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Non-School Uniform — Thursday 3rd December (£1.00 per child or a decorated filled jar, the Christmas Fayre)
- 'The Wizard of Oz' production by Pendle Productions — KS1 and KS2 — Wednesday 2nd December
- Apple tree planting for 'Tree O'clock' campaign — Year 5 Thursday 3rd December at 9.30 am
- Christmas Fayre — Friday 4th December
- KS1 Christmas Play — Tuesday 8th December and Thursday 10th December 2.15pm
- Eucharist Service — Wednesday 9th December at 2.15pm in the school hall
- KS1 Christmas Dinner — Tuesday 15th December
- KS2 Christmas Dinner — Wednesday 16th December
- KS1 Christmas Party — Wednesday 16th December 2pm
- KS2 Christmas Party — Thursday 17th December 2pm
- Term ends — Friday 18th December
- Carols around the Christmas Tree — Sunday 20th December in the church
- Return to school - Monday 4th January 2010