



20/11/08

Dear Parents,

? PTA QUIZ NIGHT: Thanks to all those who came along last Friday night, I think everyone enjoyed the evening. Thirteen teams battled it out, with 'I Haven't A Clue' coming out the eventual winners with 92 points, followed by 'In A Rush' on 87 and 'Understudies' on 83. Thanks to 'I Haven't A Clue' who donated their cash prize to the 'Children In Need' charity appeal. The contest for the wooden spoon was just as keenly contested with 'Cosmopolitan Girls' finally edging out 'Dream Team' to take the tubes of smarties!

CHILDREN IN NEED: We raised a fantastic £174.00 for Children In Need last Friday! This was from donations for wearing non uniform on the day and from the sale of cakes that Year 2 and Year 5 made for the whole school.

BIKEIT: The children will be bringing home Exeter cycle maps and details of weekend and holiday cycle training in Exeter, as part of our new 'Bike It' partnership. Can I also remind you that next Friday, 28th November we are holding a 'Brighten Up Yourself Day' when we are encouraging everyone to come to school wearing clothes / accessories that make them highly visible. Our 'Bike It' officer, Emma, will be here to award prizes to our 'brightest' people!

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES PROJECT: Year 5 are taking part in The Peninsula Medical School's Healthy Lifestyles Programme, which is a school based project that aims to promote healthy behaviours in children and families. Mr. Evely's class will be involved in a variety of activities during the spring and summer terms, 2009, with the final stage taking place next autumn, when as Year 6, the children will complete a variety of activities to reinforce the healthy lifestyle messages and are given further support for their personal goals. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the project then please email the Project Director, Jenny Lloyd on Jennifer.lloyd@pms.ac.uk.

GOODBYE / HELLO: I have received a letter from the charity World Vision saying that Damiana Felipe, who the children have been sponsoring for some years, has left the project in Bolivia. Her family is now in a stronger position to find better job opportunities and living conditions following the sponsorship, and we wish them well in the future. We are now looking forward to sponsoring a new child Viktor, who lives in Armenia. Viktor was six in June this year, and when details have been sent to school, including a photograph, we will let everyone have them.

CAGE FOOTBALL: Well done to all the boys who joined in the cage football activities again recently. They took part in entertaining matches, losing 10 – 12 to Bowhill after a really tough battle, and drawing 5 – 5 against Ide. Well done also to those boys who played on the Ide team to help make up the numbers. Just a reminder that those boys playing for St. Thomas have a free week on Monday 24th November, but those playing for Ide still need to attend – you should know who you are, but if you're not sure then please see Mrs. Worthington as quickly as possible.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR: Another reminder that the PTA Committee has asked that any contributions to stalls / prizes come into school next Wednesday (26th November). They are particularly asking for the following:

Reception/Year 1 : junk modelling, old Christmas cards and wrapping paper

Year 2 / Year 3 : new Christmas decorations to sell

Year 4 / 5 / 6 : mince pies, Christmas cakes, chocolate logs, Christmas biscuits.

CHILDREN'S DRAW IN SCHOOL: As usual there is a children's draw in school for the Christmas Fair. Tickets are 10p each and there are three games to win as the prize. If your children are saying they 'need' 10p . etc., for tickets then this is what they are referring to. There is no limit to the number of tickets they can buy, or there again they don't have to buy any!

💡 SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE: This week we have been thinking about making sensible choices so that bullying does not happen in our school.

Yours sincerely,

David Pugh, Headteacher