

October 23rd 2009 School Newsletter



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Dates

- ◆ 26-30/10/09 - Half term.
- ◆ w/b 9/11/09 - target setting evenings
- ◆ 19/11/09 - Jump Rope
- ◆ 20/11/09 - School Photographs
- ◆ 20/11/09 - PTA Quiz Night
- ◆ 28/11/09 - Christmas Fair
- ◆ 8&9/12/09 - Infant nativity
- ◆ 11/12/09 - PTA Disco
- ◆ 16/12/09 - Junior Carol Service @ 7pm
- ◆ 18/12/09 - Last day of term.
- ◆ 5/1/10 - Non-pupil day.
- ◆ 6/1/10 - Term begins

It is hard to believe we have already completed the first half term of the school year. I have been pleased with how the school has started back and the children are now settled in their new classes and have been working hard. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 2nd November** and hope they have a restful half term break.

SEAL (Social Emotional Aspects of Learning)

As you will know from previous newsletters the whole school follows the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) materials during assemblies and within the classroom. These materials help children with important issues such as friendships, managing feelings, co-operative work skills and much more. The skills are vital to becoming an effective and successful learner. From time to time your child may be given the opportunity to practice these skills in a small group environment as we work through the different themes.

Skipping Workshops

Many pupils are working hard at practising their skipping technique in preparation for our Jump Rope sponsored skipathon to be held on the 19th November, which will raise money for the British Heart Foundation. On Monday each class took part in a skipping workshop run by Dave and Tina Westcott, leading to an afternoon assembly where some of the children were able to show off their developing skills. Skipping is an excellent keep fit activity which any age can enjoy - ask the children to show you some of the tricks they have been learning!



PTA Events

At both the Christmas Fair and the Quiz Night the PTA are hoping to run a raffle. If anyone has any suitable prizes or have contacts that might be willing to donate a prize could you please let Kelly Way or the school office know. Thank you.



Year 1 Jungle Adventure

Thursday saw our Year 1 class transform into explorers going on a jungle safari. The children dressed in clothes they felt were suitable for a jungle adventure and enjoyed a day of art, drama, dance and music. They particularly enjoyed the opportunity to get messy in the 'oopy gloopy' mud which was part of the class 'We're going on a jaguar hunt' role play.

