

September 25th 2009 School Newsletter



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Dates

- ◆ 6/10/09 - Harvest
- ◆ 7/10/09 - Clothes for a Cause
- ◆ 26-30/10/09 - Half term.
- ◆ w/b 9/11/09 - target setting evenings
- ◆ 28/11/09 - Christmas Fair
- ◆ 8&9/12/09 - Infant nativity
- ◆ **16/12/09 - Junior Carol Service @ 7pm**

Trip

Class 5 and 6 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Marine Aquarium in Plymouth last week.

Trips are a valuable part of the curriculum and help to enthuse and motivate the children with their learning.



Harvest Festival

We are celebrating Harvest this year on **Tuesday 6th October at 9:30am**. It will be different from previous years as we have decided to go to St. Thomas Methodist Church on Cowick Street so that we can enjoy the Harvest Festival as a whole school. It will not be a big performance but each class will do a bit towards the assembly, there will be a couple of songs and a harvest collection. This year rather than doing this with food we shall be celebrating our harvest by collecting items for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. I know that the older children are very keen to help make up the boxes and if you have any spare Christmas wrapping paper that would be helpful. I would be grateful that on Tuesday 6th October children come to school with an item listed on the back of this letter or if you wish to make up a whole shoe box as a family that is also fine. Parents are invited to join us but could I ask that you sit towards the back of the church or in the gallery as the children will be using the front few rows of seats. I look forward to seeing you there.

Clothes for a Cause

This was a great success earlier in the year so the PTA has decided to run it again. Bags will be sent home for you to fill with old clothes and materials (more details are with the bags) and depending on the weight the school receives a donation. Last time we raised around £180 which went towards buying a new school stage. Bags need to be brought to school on **Wednesday 7th October** before school starts and placed by the double gate.

The Healthy Lifestyles Programme

The Healthy Lifestyles Programme which set out to promote the following key messages (to reduce the consumption of sweetened fizzy drinks; to increase the proportion of healthy snacks consumed and to reduce TV viewing along with the '80/20' message that suggests we should make healthy choices 80% of the time is continuing into Year 6.

A number of activities have been planned for the autumn term. These are:

- A whole school assembly led by the actors from Headbangers Theatre Company followed by a drama workshop for the Year 6s.
- A whole school assembly delivered by the Year 6s based on the project's activities
- A 1-1 goal supporting interview with the Year 6s

Thank you to all those parents who returned the parent questionnaire. Your views are very important in the continued development and delivery of the Programme.

If you did not complete the questionnaire and would like to complete one now and/or are willing to participate in an interview please contact me (Jenny Lloyd) on **01392 262972** email Jennifer.lloyd@pms.ac.uk