

* The Week at a glance *

Tuesday 20th January ~ Y6 visit Sheffield University's science lab (a.m.)

Wednesday 21st January ~ Music Extravaganza in school at 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

Thursday 22nd January ~ Meeting in church at 6.30 p.m. for first holy communion. Parents and children both welcome.

Sunday 25th January ~ Enrolment for first holy communion during 9.30 Mass

Full - Time Children ~ Congratulations to the 23 children who have recently started full time education at Holy Rood School. They also received special bookmarks last Friday. This brings the number in F2 up to the maximum of 30 children.

New Children ~ We also welcome Eleanor Robinson into class 3 and Paulo Moutinho into class 4. Eleanor is from Darlington and Paulo from Lisbon in Portugal. We hope they will both be very happy here.



Soup : A reminder that hot soup even in a thermos flask, should not be sent in as part of a child's packed lunch. Despite its nutritious value there are health and safety issues involved. If for example the hot liquid is accidentally

split onto either the child themselves or those around them, it can cause scalding and burns.



Art / Writing Competition : I received details of an art competition that children in KS1 or KS2 can enter run by the University of Huddersfield. Children are invited to produce a piece of art or creative writing entitled the 'Best of Barnsley'. Entries can be in any format (story, poem, painting, clay, etc) and may be representative of a child's favourite aspect of Barnsley.

The winner of each category will receive a £50 Meadowhall voucher and there will be a runners up prize too. The school of the winning child will receive £150. You can enter as many times as you like with the closing date being 27th March 2009. Post (or drop off) your entries to: **University Centre Barnsley, Church Street, Barnsley, S702AN.**

Any queries just phone Lucy Wright on 644584. Good luck!

Spanish Update : The Spanish children have booked their flights and are now coming on Thursday 26th March 2009 departing a week later on Thursday 2nd April both from Manchester Airport. They are sending me next which children are staying with which families and once I have this I will arrange an information meeting in school.

Friends News

Friends Meeting ~ This was held last week at the Bluebell Inn and was very successful and very well supported. There is an accompanying Friends' flyer with this newsletter. The Friends have done remarkably well and raised a fantastic £2,289.92 just since September!

Many thanks! ~ Because of the great support all of you at home give the Friends they were able to approve the following purchases for school:

* Two table football games for children to play on at breaktimes. I'm sure these will be very popular!

* New play equipment as requested by the dinner supervisors to use at lunch times.

* To pay for Richard Burdge who is spending the day in school delivering plays about the Bible (called Godly Plays) and will work with all classes as part of our 'Bible Week' to help the children appreciate the treasures found in the Old and New Testaments.

Young Voices ~ Orders for the DVDs have been sent off but we won't receive them until at least March 2009 so please be patient.

Signing In ~ A reminder that all parents / visitors must enter school through the main entrance and sign in. There are still one or two parents who are coming into school through classrooms at the start of the day. The reasons why we need everyone to sign in are:

a) So we know who you are (in theory any adult could pretend to be a parent and just come into school through a classroom)

b) In the event of a building evacuation we know exactly who should be in the building.



c) It is important to get lessons off to a prompt and brisk start with a focus on learning. Adults walking through the start of lessons are not helpful to anyone.

Hearing tests ~ Barnsley PCT have asked me to cascade the following information to you:

'The Audiology Dept based at New Street is receiving a large number of requests from parents for hearing tests for their child. The parents state that teachers are telling them to arrange to have a test done. I am sure if this is the case that the teachers involved have relevant concerns. It would be helpful however if in the first instance, parents went to their GP to rule out any possible ear infection.'

You must be crackers! ~ Why did the boy eat his homework?

(Because his teacher told him it was a piece of cake!)

Sent in by Rohan in class 2!

Thank you for reading this newsletter,
John Gregson

