

Tag Rugby Team : Before half term our tag rugby team won through to the Barnsley finals at Shaw Lane Rugby Club. They played very well again but lost out this time. Well done to the children and many thanks to Mr Barry for taking the team up.

SATS WEEK : Reminder that KS2 SATS week is from Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May and is vital that all year 6 children are able to sit their tests each day as they cannot be taken at any other time. We take the opportunity for children in the rest of KS2 to do 'Optional Sats' that same week but these are marked internally as are the KS1 Sats that we start the week before but can be taken over a period of a few weeks. It seems that the KS2 Sats tests in the future will be slightly different along with a much needed overhaul of the overcrowded primary curriculum.

Foundation Stage Requests : if you have any large tyres that could be donated to the FS outdoor area please see Miss Mackenzie and also any vegetable plants that are already established for their garden area ~ many thanks!

Bags2School : We have just received a cheque for £152 for the collection in the Autumn Term so thank you to all of you for sending in unwanted clothing and shoes. An excellent amount.

Free Tickets : If you like classical music then we have a limited number of free tickets for a concert this Friday 24th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Emmanuel Church on Huddersfield Road to hear 'Ensemble 360' who are reputedly very good and well worth seeing. See Mrs Dignan asap if you are interested.

Summer Fayre : This will be on Saturday 27th June and you should have an accompanying leaflet with this newsletter.

Sunflower Competition

Enter the summer fayre sunflower competition. For 50p you get a starter kit of a pot, seed and compost. All you need to do is add water, light and TLC. Judging will take place in September ~ so you will have lots of time to grow a really big sunflower. If you want to participate just fill in the form below and put in an envelope together with the 50p and address it c/o Mrs Green. Good luck!

Sunflower Competition

Name _____

Class _____

* Friends News *

Fund Raising: The Spring Fayre made an astonishing £630 which must be a record and the updated total from the Easter Raffle and refreshments served after the two concerts rose to £481 which combined gives a total of over £1,100!

These events were the result of so much hard work and willingness to give of one's time when life is busy enough and everyone at school would like to say a million thanks to everyone who helped. We clearly have an exceptional group of people with the aims of raising money for children in school in the context of fun and enjoyable social occasions. Support like this is like gold dust and we really appreciate it. The money will go into the pot we are saving to improve the playground where it will be well spent for the enjoyment of your children.

Watch Out For...

Pamper Night : 14th May at Mrs Philbin's house. £10 a ticket. 7.00 p.m. start. Come and make yourself even more beautiful than you already are!

Abseiling : June 21st has been booked so don't hang around but get involved!

Race Night : A date in July will be arranged at the Wilthorpe public house for this popular night out. Details of both events will follow later.

Parents Evenings : Reminder that we are having the second of our parents' evenings next week on:

Monday 27th April (4.00 - 6.00 p.m.)

Tuesday 28th April (5.00 - 7.00 p.m.)

Appointment slips will be sent out imminently. SY Police will have an information stall on both nights.

Spanish : The Spanish children and teachers have landed back safely in Murcia and have emailed me to pass on their heartfelt gratitude to our families for their many kindnesses and hospitality. They had a wonderful week in Barnsley. Survey forms have been sent out to our host families so we can continue to learn and make future exchanges better still. The Spanish families are very keen for us to go there and in September I will ask children in class 6 if they want to spend a week in Murcia next May and families in KS2 if they want to host a Spanish child in 2010.

UCM Request : The UCM have been collecting children's prayer books, rosaries, prayer cards, etc to send out to a Jesuit priest in India called Father George Anthony who passes them on to children in his congregation to help them learn about their Catholic Faith. If you have anything to spare please send it into school or at the back of church F.A.O Monica Galvin.

Thank you for reading this newsletter,
John Gregson