

**P.E. and Jewellery** : There have been some instances of children wearing 'jewellery' that staff have had to deal with in accordance with Barnsley health and safety guidance and it was suggested that all parents might be interested in what the actual guidance states.

**'Jewellery worn by pupils during P.E. constitutes a hazard and the Authority takes the view that this risk can only be eliminated by the removal of the jewellery. Jewellery as a result of piercing and that worn for cultural reasons must also be removed.'**

By jewellery is meant rings, bracelets, necklaces as well as earrings. Pupils must be asked to remove the jewellery themselves and under no circumstances should teachers assist pupils in removing any jewellery. The advice to parents in respect of piercings remains the same ~ that any piercings should be undertaken at the start of the long Summer holiday period to allow the piercing to heal and be removed for P.E. lessons. I hope this clarifies the situation somewhat but feel free to ask for a copy of the 3 page guidance we have from Barnsley LA if you need more details. Many thanks.

**Mrs Prentice** : The school would like to say thank you to Paula Prentice for all the excellent work she did in KS1 up to Easter particularly in helping children whose first language is not English. Paula is now manager of the Out of School Club which is very popular and going from strength to strength.

**Grotto Project** : Another reminder that we are going to build a grotto under the tree in the new garden area and would like to involve families in this project (especially dads and older children). There will two dry stone walling sessions in Hoylandswaine led by Gary Helliwell. They are free and will be on Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> May and 16<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00 - 12 noon. The feature itself will be built after Spring Bank. Please return the pro-forma below if your family would like to be involved in this project. For more details contact Mrs Helliwell.

**The family of \_\_\_\_\_**

**(child's name) would like to be involved in the Grotto Project. Please send us further information.**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_**

**My child is in class... \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Friends News**

**Friends Meeting** ~ The next meeting is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00 p.m. at the Bluebell Inn. New members are always welcome!

**Pamper Night** ~ 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. at the Philbin's house. £10.00 per person (wine, nibbles and good company included) manicure and eye brow shape. Qualified beautician Helen Andrews who is providing her time and expertise at no cost. Limited places to contact any of the friends or email me any interest at [mandy286@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mandy286@hotmail.co.uk)

**Sponsored Abseil** ~ 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Race Night** ~ 4<sup>th</sup> August at the Wilthorpe.

**Watch for details for both of these events.**

**Parents' Evenings:** Thank you to all of you who took the time to come and meet your child's teacher last week for the second parent's evening of the year. We had very high attendance and these events are always so beneficial for all parties in helping your child get as much as possible from their education here. A big thank you to the fantastic staff for the two late nights it entailed on top of an already hectic day teaching ~ much appreciated and valued.

**New Teacher:** We have had **plenty** of interest in the vacancy in class one with many prospective candidates visiting the school so we should have a strong field to choose from for the interviews next week.

**Rosary Group** : As it's the beautiful month of May we will have a weekly ROSARY GROUP in school normally every Wednesday at 1.00 p.m. Encourage your children to come along with their rosaries in honour of Our Lady.

**Artistic Talents** : Congratulations to two Holy Rood children who won an art competition over Easter at the new Civic Gallery. Sophie Walker and Frances Helliwell both won family tickets to any show of their choice for their entries. The workshop involved the children designing an album cover of their own and the finished products were of a very high standard. The new building is quite impressive, admission is free and it also has a website to explore on:

[www.barnsleycivic.co.uk](http://www.barnsleycivic.co.uk)

**Summer Fayre News** : Thank you very much to everyone who has volunteered to help at the Fayre ~ there is still room for plenty more! We also have some room left for advertisers in the programme (£25 for half page, £30 for a full page) ~ just send in details to Mrs Green. Finally, a reminder that sunflower seeds are still on sale for the competition priced 50p per growing kit!

Thank you for reading this newsletter,  
**John Gregson**