



'DOING OUR BEST TO BE OUR BEST'

May 20th 2011

Headteacher's Message Sarah Malam

Dear Parents and Carers

Whilst this has been quite a short half term which seems to have been interrupted by lots of Bank holidays it has still been very busy in school.

I am delighted to be able to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Ewan-Mansell's baby, 'Summer Leigh' who was born last week. Mother and baby are both doing well, I know you will join me in sending our best wishes to both Mr and Mrs Ewan-Mansell.

Last week Y1 children went off to Brandon Marsh as part of their theme 'Waterworld'. The staff said

that the trip had been a huge success, the children had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they had learned a great deal from it.

Whilst I know that educational visits place a demand on parents they do help children to learn in an exciting way and as a result the learning is more real and has greater impact. We as a school are trying to provide all children with a wide range of learning opportunities both inside and outside of school.

Thank you for your support—we appreciate it greatly!

Attendance Challenge

We are continuing to encourage all the children to attend school as much as possible and I am delighted to say that our attendance is better than many schools locally — I firmly believe that children make better progress when they attend school regularly.

This week we have set the children 2 challenges:

1. Each class is trying to beat the other class' attendance in the year group each week. The winning class will get a prize.
2. For the whole school to achieve 95% attendance

Class Assemblies 9.00am

Wed 25th May
Y1 Apple

Wed 8th June
Y4 Chestnut

Wed 15th June
Y1 Cherry

Wed 22nd June
Y3 Hawthorn

Wed 29th June
Y3 Holly

Wed 6th July
Y4 Rowan

Wed 13th July
Y2 Beech

Fri 22nd July
Y6 Leavers

Summer Fayre Thursday

7th July 2011
3.15—5.15pm



Everybody's Equal

This was the focus of the literacy work last week in school. The children studied a range of texts in their literacy lessons which discussed issues such as:

- Equality and fairness
- Racism
- Respect

I met with groups of children this week to discuss their learning and they all, without exception, told me how much they had enjoyed it! The quality of literacy work that they produced was super!

Facebook

Please could I ask parents and children not to ask staff at school to be your friend on Facebook.

Under the Code of Practice for all school staff it tells us that we are not to be friends with either parents or pupils on Facebook.

IPAD

I hope you saw our moment of fame last week in the Coventry Evening Telegraph. All our investment in technology as a school has really paid off as our children are now really becoming ICT experts!

Special Measures Update

We are continuing to work hard to develop the school so that the learning opportunities for the children are exciting as possible. We are now seeing the children make much better progress than they have in the past!

Y6 SATS

Well done to our Y6 children who worked extremely hard throughout last week which was TEST week for them! We were really proud of the mature attitude that they showed towards their tests.

PLAYING OUT

Children please make sure that an adult always knows where you are and who you are with at all times when you are playing outside.

Parking around Site

Please can I ask parents who park on Heddle Grove to be extra careful, especially when children are arriving or leaving school, and not park in front of the entrance. A child was nearly hit by a car that was reversing earlier this week

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Half term - Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June - school closed
- Wednesday 15th June 2011 - New Nursery Parents Meeting - 6.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 28th June 2011 - New Reception Parents Meeting 6.00 p.m.
- Thursday 7th July 2011 — Summer Fete
- Wednesday 13th July 2011 - Transition Day Year 6
- Thursday 14th July 2011 - Sports Day KS1 an KS2 (alternative sports day if wet will be Monday 18th July)
- Friday 15th July 2011 - Reports out to parents
- Thursday 21st July - Year 6 Leaver's Party - (evening)
- Friday 22nd July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - 9.00 a.m.