



## Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011

### Book Week

We have had great fun this week and well done to all who dressed up. The pupils have enjoyed a wealth of reading and book activities learning alongside different age groups. The final amount raised for Book Aid International will be over £200. A special thanks to the wake and shake team for their sponsored hour and to Mrs Winter for the wonderful story-telling.

### Fund raising group

Thank you to all who came to the launch meeting on Wednesday – it was good to see such enthusiasm and so many ideas for events. We are now calling for volunteers to serve on the committee. Parents and staff felt that there should be ideally about 10 people on it to ensure enough support and the sharing of roles. If you would like to serve on the committee please complete the attached form and return to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Positions of Chair, treasurer etc will be chosen by the committee once it is established. See attached for more information about roles and responsibilities and expected time commitment.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We are collecting shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Appeal again this year; you should have had a leaflet (spares in the office or link on our website). This is a good opportunity for the children to learn about our responsibility to help other children globally who do not enjoy the same things we do. It also allows us to engage the children in an understanding of the different needs internationally. This is one of the children's favourite charitable activities and we would love you to support it. Please bring any spare shoeboxes to school and return completed ones by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### Autumn Fayre

This was an excellent evening enjoyed by many parents and people from the village. Our thanks to the group organising it as £600 was raised for the school. The power cut added to the fun and atmosphere and certainly made for a memorable evening.

Any orders placed with Usborne Books or Wendlesbury Glass will be available Friday afternoon from the school office.

### Scarecrows

We had over 20 entrants to this competition and a huge amount of work has been put into them. The Stroud News and Journal is photographing them today so look out in the paper for them. The winners were Rosalind Wilkes and Jake Prout – congratulations to them. Please take them home tonight – then the staff can stop telling them off for loitering out of the classroom.

### Parent Governor

We will have a vacancy for a parent governor next term and will be calling for nominations after half-term. The governors will be serving teas and coffee at parents evening and they will have details of the role. This will be an opportunity to speak to them about the role, commitment and time involved. Parent governors are the parents' representative on the governing body to ensure parents' views on the priorities and policies of the school are included. Governors are the body of 15 people that monitor health and safety, standards (results in maths and English), finance, buildings etc.

### Other items

- Parents' evenings will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- 11.11.11 – wear something red for Remembrance Day
- Bonfire menu 4<sup>th</sup> November – children only, details next term
- Infant Nativity will be on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon
- Christingle Carol Service Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 5.30pm

## Haresfield Fund Raising Group

It was agreed by parents/carers and staff at the launch meeting of the fund-raising group to give the group a working title of Haresfield PTA. As parents/carers, staff you are all automatically members of the PTA. We would now like nominations for committee members to manage the group and serve for a year. The view was that a committee should have around 10 people on it to ensure sharing of roles and responsibilities and to include:

- Class rep parent/s
- Staff
- Governor/s
- School council members

The positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be chosen from the committee members.

There will need to be a constitution and the school office has a couple of model ones if you would like to look at them. The committee will work on the constitution and present it to the full membership for agreement.

We anticipate that there will be a monthly meeting initially to establish the PTA but after that probably one a term. Any member can attend a committee meeting (but not vote) and the dates will be agreed at the beginning of the year. There will be a number of open meetings during the year for all parents/carers and staff to attend. Sub-committees will run individual events and all members will be welcome to be on those.

Please sign and return below by **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November** if you would like to join the committee.

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I would like to be a committee member of Haresfield PTA.

Name .....

Signature .....

I might be interested in the role below once I find out more about it:

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| Chair      | <input type="checkbox"/> |                    |
| Vice-Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> |                    |
| Treasurer  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                    |
| Secretary  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                    |
| Class Rep  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Which class? ..... |