



Newsletter

17th October 2008



We went to St. Mary's to celebrate our **Harvest Festival** with Father Bernard. Class 4 gave us a mouse's view of harvest and we sang our favourite harvest songs. You may recognise Father Bernard's new assistants! Thank you everyone for your kind gifts of baked beans and tuna, we had a table full of contributions which Father Bernard took to provide a meal for homeless people.



Parent governors:

We need 3 new parent governors. You don't need any qualifications. Are you;

- Willing to help us make sure Micklefield School is an amazing place for learning?
- Willing to give up your time?
- Ready to ask questions about what we do and why we do it?

Harvest Festival was also **Jeans for Genes** day. We all joined in, even Peanut. He and Mrs. Douglas wore stylish, matching blue dungarees and we raised a total of £48.

Mrs. Douglas will be leaving us at October half term, just until Easter. Watch out for news of the new baby in November!

We are delighted to say that after half term we will be welcoming back Mr. Clarke to be teaching Class 3 with Mrs. Mitchell. We have had no disruptions to our staffing this term. Mrs. Mitchell's illness has been covered by Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Douglas and myself.

The **Friends of Micklefield** committee is working hard behind the scenes, planning social events and serving refreshments at our sharing assemblies. Keep an eye on their rainbow noticeboard in the main entrance porch.

If you answered yes to any of these questions, **WE NEED YOU!** Please collect a form from the office.

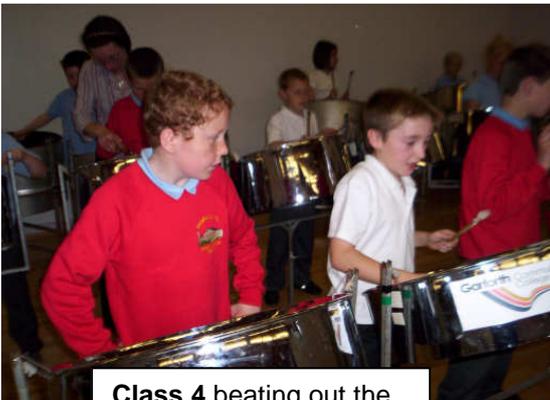




School governors play an important part in the life of any school. Our governors have shown a great deal of support already this term, from attending weekly meetings with me to keep up to date on day to day issues in school, to contacting local government regarding the field and footpath. Micklefield's Governing Body met for the first time this year on 29th September to hold their Annual General Meeting. Mr. M. Auty was re-elected as Chair, and Mrs. D. Backhouse as Vice-Chair. They welcomed Cllr. James Lewis (pictured in the last newsletter) and Mrs. Joan Fake, as new governors. Sub-committees were decided on. They consider matters including staffing, finance, teaching and learning, buildings and health and safety. Could you offer your knowledge, skills and common sense? We need three new parent governors – please consider putting your name forward for election.

Clubs will be starting after half term. A letter will be sent home with details of days and times. Some clubs will take place in school and, if there is sufficient interest, opportunities to join clubs at Garforth Community College will also be available. School clubs will run for a set number of weeks and children will be expected to attend every week if they join a club so that teachers can plan activities. Sufficient notice will be given if a club is unavoidably cancelled so that parents are not inconvenienced.

Mrs. Mitchell is running an athletics club, Mrs. Potter is planning to raise fitness levels with a line dancing club, Mrs. Craven and Mrs. White are starting a singing group. . . . look out for the letter to see what else is on offer! St. Mary's Venturers is already running on Fridays after school. See Anita or Gary Craven for details.



Class 4 beating out the rhythm and adding a Caribbean flavour to their Monday afternoon at Garforth Community College



Now here's a dashing collection of talent if ever there was one. **Micklefield Male Voice Choir** meets in the school hall at 7.30 on Wednesdays and makes a fantastic sound. If you missed them at the Flower Festival, come along and sing with us at our 'Christmas Carols round the tree' at 2.30pm on Monday 15th December and hear them for yourself. If you are interested in joining the choir, details are available from the school office. They will be singing in a concert with the children in the spring term.

Other dates for your diary:

- Final day for pantomime money 22nd October
- Remembrance Day service, St. Mary's Church 9.15 am
- Class 2 sharing assembly and coffee 19th November 9.15 am
- Class 4 sharing assembly and coffee 3rd December 9.15 am
- Christingle service, St. Mary's Church 12th December 2.30pm

