

Class 4 Newsletter

November 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate the children who took part in the Penguin Dance for Life fundraising event just before we broke up. It was a challenging, but thoroughly enjoyable morning, and I'm truly proud to be the teacher of such a caring, thoughtful and loyal group of children. Please could children bring in the sponsor money they raised as soon as possible so it can be banked. I believe we have raised hundreds of pounds - certainly enough to pay for the Hummer party for Courtney. The party is booked for Monday 15th December, but we will have to be very flexible with the date. If Courtney isn't well enough to be allowed out of hospital, we will postpone the party until she is!

This half-term, a main focus is on geography - rivers, seas, dams, flooding and the effects on communities. The children have already begun exploring how to separate materials in science and social media in ICT. We will be developing our sewing skills this half-term, as well as learning about Spanish festival traditions on the run-up to Christmas. P.E. sessions remain on Wednesdays and Thursdays, with a focus on tennis, general ball skills and stamina.

Planners

As you are aware, the children now have planners in preparation for High School. We are running a good/bad comment system linked to rewards and sanctions. **The children receive good comments for:** reading at home at least 3 times a week; outstanding behaviour/work; thinking of others and for generally doing something that deserves recognition. **The children receive bad comments for:** unacceptable behaviour/work (including homework).

Please could you continue to sign your child's planner by Friday morning each week to confirm that you have seen it and any comments/notes made by staff? This goes towards their work score for the week.

The planners can be an effective method of communication between school and home, and many children are already in the habit of taking it home and bringing it to school every day.

The children worked *really* hard last half-term, which was reflected in the progress they made in specific areas. There's still much to be done, but with continued high levels of perseverance and responsibility, I know they'll achieve well in Y6.

Bewerley Park

Please note that by Friday 12th December, a total of £150.00 needs to have been paid towards the Bewerley Park visit. I have attached a suggested kit list so you can begin to get prepared, as February will soon be here!

Diary dates:

Friday 7th November	All sponsor money in
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Service, St. Mary's
Friday 14th November	Children in Need, dress up as Superheroes or in spots!
Wednesday 19th November	Open morning - come in and work alongside your child
Thursday 11th December	Christmas musical celebration
Friday 12th December	FoM Christmas market Total of £150.00 for Bewerley Park deadline
Monday 15th December tbc	Hummer party
Thursday 18th December	Christingle & Carol Service
Friday 19th December	School closes
Monday 5th January	School re-opens

Regards,

Mrs. Loring