

October 21st 2011

St. Werburgh's CE (VA) Primary School NEWSLETTER

Happy Half Term Holiday - we have an INSET day on Monday 31st October and we look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday November 1st.

Bags 2 School:

A big thank you for all the donated items of clothing - we raised a tremendous £600, the best we have ever done! Look out for another collection in March next year.

School dinners survey:

Many thanks for all your responses. We have also consulted with the children and a working party of staff and governors has met to look at the issues that have been raised. It has been decided that we will use the findings from the surveys to establish what changes we would like to see and share these with Cavendish Close. I will let you know the outcome.

Changes to the menu: Tuesday 1st Nov will be hot dog, diced potato, baked beans/ peas or filled rolls or filled jacket potato. Dessert: cup cake or angel delight. After this it's back to normal and we will be Week 1 for the rest of the week. Up-to-date menu sheets are available from the office and online though our school website. Please do visit www.stwerburghs.co.uk and navigate from the Home page to the Latest News to view the menu and other recent information (this will be available from Monday, 24th October).

SATs dates for 2012: Year 6 children will be doing SATs next Summer Term in the week beginning May 14th.

Support Group AGM: There was a tremendous turnout for this year's AGM. We're considering using the Malt on a regular basis! Roz Puzey, having been an excellent Chair for two years, has stepped down. Thank you Roz, we do appreciate all you have done. Alison Clewes (Evie's mum) was more than happy to take over. I know she'll bring many skills to this post including 'rallying the troops' when support is needed. If you were unable to attend the AGM but would like further information please pop into the School Office.

November 16th will be the Christmas present wrapping night! All help gratefully appreciated - ask in the School Office for more details.

Christmas Card Project:

Thank you for returning the children's designs. We have raised £322.50 which Mrs Edwards will spend on art resources for the whole school.

Non Uniform Day for Chocolate Tombola on Thursday, 10th November: Please support this fund raising event in aid of the Church and School Christmas Fayres. Children may wear their own (sensible) choice of clothing in return for bringing chocolate to school. The donations will be shared between the Church and school events. The Church Christmas Fayre

is on November 26th, followed by the Christingle Service on Sunday, November 27th at 2:30. The school choir will be singing at this event.

Start of school:

Now we have changed the gate opening times, older children are no longer arriving at school too early and I am pleased with improved punctuality throughout the school. Please remember that the official start time is 8:55 and once the external doors are closed at 9:00, children should come through the main door. We also ask you to let us know the reason for late arrivals.

Walk on Wednesdays

Every Wednesday after half term, we will record how many children walk to school - whether they walk, bike, scoot or park and stride it will all count. Each class will record their totals and Miss Gibson will decide who the winners are from both the Infants and the Juniors. The reward will be a non-uniform day for the classes who have done the most walking!

A message from the School Council executive committee

The following children have been elected onto our school council -

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| Class | 1 | Libby Stevenson | Harry Beech |
| Class | 2 | Tegan Hulme | Ben Ford |
| Class | 3 | Kaydi Wreford | Oliver Kellogg |
| Class | 4 | Emily McIntyre | Jack Birks |
| Class | 5 | Jessica Mole | Daniel McLoughlin |
| Class | 6 | Isabel Hughes | Yusaf Ajaz |
| Class | 7 | Anna Morris | George Leatherland |
| Class | 8 | Anna Bertram (Vice Chair) | Sam Browning (Treasurer) |
| Class | 9 | Grace Harrison (Secretary) | Luke Birch (ICT Link) |
| Class | 10 | Abby McLaughlin (Chair) | James Cusick (ICT Link) |

Their first meeting was last week. These children were voted for by their class members. The school council then voted for the executive committee. We hope you have lots of ideas to make the school an even better place. We are all very excited about our new responsibilities.

Swanland School, Nairobi

As most of you already know, one of our international link schools is Swanland School in Nairobi. Mr Selby has developed the link between our two schools and we have recently sent home a flier to launch a new charity raising money for the children there. More information about this is available through the following link: www.swanlandschoolnairobi.org

Please continue to send the following to the school office:

Nestle Box Tops tokens and Morrisons Vouchers

THANK YOU