

December 1st 2011

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

Anti-bullying Week (wc November 14th): Personal, Social, Health and Emotional development activities are covered on a weekly basis at St Werburgh's. National Anti-bullying Week provided additional opportunities for us to share our thoughts and feelings in class. Children have been involved in many varied activities and I hope they will have shared these with you. In addition, we are arranging for older children to find out more about using the internet safely and being free from cyber bullying in its many forms. There will be information about this in the next newsletter.

Christmas at school: A reminder about dates.

2 December	School Christmas Fair
5 December	Foundation Production in Church 6:00
12 December	Year 3/4 Production in school 2:00 & 6:00
14 December	Year 1/2 Production in school 2:00 & 6:00
15 December	School Christmas Dinner
16 December	Year 3/4 Christmas party
19 December	Year 5/6 Christmas party
20 December	Infant Christmas party

Dates for the whole school year are available on the school website (www.stwerburghs.co.uk) under 'Latest News'. You can either download the School Events Calendar or click on the view option to see at a glance the special events we have planned. We will be updating this shortly with additional events including the Infant and Junior disco. I will let you know when this is done.

Parties - Children bring party clothes to change into. The Support Group pay for drinks, biscuits and crisps for the children.

Performances - You will receive further details from the teachers about the performances and tickets in due course. **Please note that this year, the Foundation production is in Church and the Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 productions are in the school hall.**

News about staff: I am sure you have all noticed that Miss Gibson is expecting another baby - a brother or sister for Thomas. She will be going on maternity leave in January and Class 8 will be taught by Mrs Hewitt an experienced Yr 5/6 teacher. Mrs Hewitt has already been in school getting to know her new class and ensuring a smooth handover. As we say goodbye to Miss Gibson, we say welcome back to Mrs Feetham who will be returning in February. She will be returning on a part-time basis; this will involve SENCO duties and doing some teaching of intervention groups. Miss Coe's class teacher contract has been extended so we are all pleased that Class 7 will not have a change of teacher halfway through the year.

Christingle Service: Thank you to all the children who came to sing on Sunday and to all the family and friends who came to what was a magical service.

Mad Scientists: Demand has been such that we are able to run two Mad Scientist courses. If anyone else is interested please fill in the application form (available from the office) as soon as possible. The cost for 5 weeks is £33.

Children in Need: Thank you for all your donations which together meant we raised £321.53. A big thank you to Alison Clewes and her band of helpers who baked, iced and sprinkled 350 cakes. It was lovely to see that one of the Nursery schools featured on television during Children in Need and where one of our children has attended, has directly benefited from money raised in the past.

Quote from the
School Council:

WE ALL HAD THE SPOTTY SPIRIT AND ENJOYED
DOING ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU TO
ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT IN MONEY
AND CAKES. THE CAKES WERE DELICIOUS.

Takeover Day: Friday saw many staff surplus to requirements when some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children stepped up to undertake the roles of Headteacher, Office staff, midday supervisors, teaching assistants, ICT technician and site manager (under supervision of course!). The children all conducted themselves very professionally and had a great time.

School Council quote:

EVERYONE WAS AMAZING AT THEIR JOB. WE THINK THE
HEADTEACHER FOR THE DAY, DONYA, DID A GREAT JOB AND
FITTED THE PART PERFECTLY. MRS HAYBURN SAID THE MIDDAY
SUPERVISORS DID AN EXCELLENT JOB.

Sickness - We are currently experiencing an increase in the number of children suffering from sickness and diarrhoea. To try and stop this from spreading, please observe the local authority and school policy guidelines which state that you should keep your child at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. Thank you.

Morrisons vouchers - Thank you for all the vouchers - we have ordered 2 storage units which will be very useful for storing all our gardening equipment.

Please continue to send the following to the school office:

Nestle Box Tops from Cereals

THANK YOU