



Warren Hills Community Primary School

Newsletter November 2010

Dates for your Diary

2nd December 2010 - Christmas Fayre
7th December 2010 - Children's Christmas Disco
9th December 2010 - VICTORIAN Christmas Dinner
15th/16th December 2010 - Whole School Christmas Productions
17th December 2010 - 4+ and Key Stage One Christmas Party
20th December 2010 - Key Stage Two Christmas Party
21st December 2010 - Last day of Autumn Term
Thursday 6th January - Spring Term Begins



Victorian Christmas Dinner and Productions

As many of you are probably aware our whole school theme this half term has been the Victorians. As part of our learning, this year we are celebrating Christmas as they would have in the Victorian era. On the day of the Christmas dinner, Thursday 9th December, we would like the children and staff to dress up in Victorian style clothing. This could be a long dress, apron and mop cap for the girls and the boys wore shirts, waistcoats, dark trousers or shorts and a cap. The Coalville Times will also be here taking photographs for the newspaper. We will all enjoy a traditional dinner with mince pies and fruit punch.



We would like the children to keep these costumes in school for our Christmas production on the 15th and 16th of December where the children will be preparing for a Victorian Christmas and singing traditional carols.

Also look out for our traditional decorations that the children have made when you visit our Christmas Fayre on the 2nd December. If you have any donations for this, please send them into school with your child as soon as possible.

Electric Gates

The electric gates are now up and running. They are designed to protect the children and staff during times when they are arriving and leaving school. The side gate will be open at these times to allow you and your children to walk through, but the large gate will be closed. The side gate will also be closed during school times, but you will be able to buzz in and the office will release the gate should you need to gain entry. Disabled badge holders will be able to gain access. Please help by parking your cars on Stamford Drive and walking your child through the pedestrian gate.

Change to the School Day

Starting on Monday 22nd November we will no longer be having our assembly at 9.00am. When the children arrive at school they will go straight to their reading groups to carry out activities directed by the staff in their class. This will be followed by a literacy lesson and then assembly at 10.15am, just before playtime. The idea of this change is to make better use of your child's learning time in school. Class doors open at 8.40am and the register is taken at 8.50am. It is important that your child is at school and ready to learn by this time. If you do arrive later than this time, you will need to take your child to the office to register them and then the office staff will take your child to class for you.

Snow Queen Production

We would like to thank and congratulate our Explorers class for their amazing participation in the Coalville Schools Art Project, The Snow Queen. The children have been rehearsing for many weeks now and it finally all paid off when they performed on stage at the Harley Theatre at King Edward VII school last week in front of packed audiences. They put on three shows, all of which were a sell out!! All of this could not have happened without the hard work of their teacher, Mrs Goode and her support staff, Mrs Smith and Mrs Clamp, who directed the sketch and made costumes for the children. Thanks also to the staff who gave up their time and supported on the evenings. Well done to you all!!



Morrison's Gardening Vouchers

Thank you for your support in collecting the Morrison's gardening vouchers again this year. We already have a good number of vouchers. The final vouchers were given out at Morrison's at the end of November. Please could you bring in any vouchers that you may have laying around your house or in your purses so that we can count them and place our order with them?



Many Thanks.

Child Information

Thank you also to those of you who came into school to complete your child's information form and sign to allow your child to participate in school activities such as swimming, local walks and photographs.

Please help us to keep this information up to date by informing the office of any changes especially with phone numbers. It is vitally important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

Well done

Finally, well done to our new members of staff in school this year you have nearly completed your first term with us. Mrs Pinnock has made a big impact in Key Stage One and our management team, bringing fresh ideas to the school. Mr Burrows, Miss Devine and Mr Kershaw, who are in their first year of teaching have really enthused and inspired the children in Year One, Year Two and Year Six. Miss Kidley is our new Nursery Nurse in the 4+ and it is great having her on board as she has been able to help with the smooth transition of the children from our Nursery into the main school.



Not forgetting our new 4+ children who have settled in brilliantly. This month they have enjoyed 'Booktime'. They looked at lots of Eric Carle's books including The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Slowly Slowly said the Sloth. Parents were invited in to share their work and all of the children received a Booktime bag, stickers and a certificate. Parents also got the opportunity to see how the children are learning their letter sounds (phonemes) and how to write them (graphemes). It was a fun two weeks and the children learnt lots about the books and how Eric Carle created tissue paper art. Well done to you all.

When was the last time you visited the web site? keep updated with the latest news from school. The school diary will let you know what is happening..

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