



7th March 2008

Dear Parents

We received a letter of thanks from UNICEF this week for our fundraising efforts on non-uniform day. We raised £396.48 which will support water and sanitation programmes in the Gambia.

We would like to support two other charity events before Easter:

Sport Relief

All the junior children will be taking part in the House Cross-Country run on Monday 17th March at 2.30 pm in the Memorial Park. At the same time the infant children will be going for a walk and will support the juniors as they run.

We would like all the children taking part in the run or walk to donate £1 which we will send to Sport Relief.

Mrs Jeffs would like to hear from any parents who are able to walk with the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Years 1 and 2 will leave school at 1.45 pm and the Reception classes at 2.00 pm. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

Children's Liver Disease Foundation

We have a number of children in school who have been assisted by this charity which specialises in the fight against childhood liver disease.

This year our Easter competitions will support the Foundation and we would like all entrants to donate £1 to the charity. The theme this year is the colour yellow and the competition details are:

- Design and decorate an egg using yellow as the main colour (Easter chicks, yellow submarines, yellow taxis etc)
- Create some artwork using paint, felt tips, collage etc., again with a yellow theme.

All entries should be clearly marked with the child's name and class and should be brought to school for judging **on Wednesday 19th March.**

There will be prizes for the best entries in Reception, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6.

Holiday Dates

A reminder that school closes for the Easter holiday on Thursday 20th March at the normal time. We reopen on Thursday 3rd April.

There will be a teacher day on **Thursday 1st May** for the local elections, when the school will be closed for children. The May Day holiday is **Monday 5th May** and half-term is the week commencing **Monday 26th May.**

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Artsmark Award

On Tuesday 4th March, Peppy Hills from the Arts Council visited school to carry out the final stage in our application for a gold Artsmark. If we are successful, it will give us recognition at the highest level for the quality of our provision and work in the arts. The children Ms Hills interviewed were very clear about their enthusiasm for the arts and how much they enjoy working with visiting artists. Well done to them for putting our case so strongly. Watch this space for news of the result!

School News

- Jack B in Year 5 writes: **"I would like to tell you about Taekwon-Do. It is fun and is great for fitness, confidence and self defence. You can come and join on Thursdays at Stivichall Key Stage 1 hall at 6 pm, or at Hearsall Primary School on Tuesdays at 6 pm."**
- The school cricketers won the Warwickshire Indoor Cricket Competition last Monday. One hundred and sixty schools entered and our team won through to become County Champions.
- Mr Tetlow, one of our parents, writes: **"Sunday 2-D-O. I would like to invite interested families to the Sunday 2-D-O, a new integrated free-play opportunity for under 11's which allows for dance, musical and dramatic expression in a themed environment. Times are 12.00 - 5.00 pm every Sunday during term time. The cost is £2 per person, £6 per family. Drop in for an hour, or five! The venue is Artspace, 16 Lower Holyhead Road, CV1 3AU (just off mediæval Spon Street). Contact me on 07766 562028 for more details."**

Book Fair

Thank you for a fantastic response to the Buy One Get One Free Book Fair. I'm sure all the children are enjoying their books already. Thank you once again to all the helpers.

Library Books

All library books will be collected in on Monday 10th March.

PTA News

Key Stage 1 and Family Disco: Friday 11th April 6.30 – 8.30 pm with Mr Crackers

Tickets go on sale on Monday priced £2.50. Pre-schoolers are free but still need a ticket, so please make sure you ask for one. Music and magic, sweets and soft drinks on sale, please bring your own adult tipple. This is not a supervised event, so all children need to bring an adult with them!

Book Bags are now in stock and are available from the school office priced £3.50 each.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher