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Church of England Primary School

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6th November 2009

Welcome back to what will be another term packed with exciting events. I hope you all managed to have a look around the 'Life Caravan' on Monday afternoon. All the children learned a great deal about keeping safe and healthy and had a great deal of fun in the process. I enjoyed a fantastic session with Hockney class who were giving brilliant answers about how all our vital organs help our bodies to work properly!

Parents' evenings.

Many of you attended these meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday. I know many of you found the meetings very informative. Can I apologise for giving you lots of forms to read and sign. Thank you so much for taking time to do this as many of these documents are statutory and help us to ensure that we are fulfilling safeguarding procedures. If any were taken home, can they please be returned a.s.a.p. If you were unable to see your child's teacher please contact them to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Remembrance Service

This will take place this Sunday at St Mary's Church at 10:45 am. I have asked some of our School Councillors to attend with me so the school can lay a wreath in this very important ceremony. Poppies have been on sale in school this week and we will continue to sell them until Wednesday of next week.

Shoebboxes

This morning in assembly we celebrated all the wonderful shoebboxes you and your children have put together for 'Operation Christmas Child'. Many thanks for all your generous donations and the time you have taken to prepare these. Mrs Nutting will be arranging for them to be collected next week so there is still time to bring more in. I know they will brighten up a child's Christmas in either Eastern Europe or Africa.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We will be holding elections for the post of Parent Governor later on this half term. The schools Governing Body are crucial in ensuring the school runs smoothly. They are also a very friendly group of people who meet approximately twice each term in school. If you would like to become a Governor then complete the form attached to this newsletter and return it to me at school by Friday 20th November. If you would like any more information about this post then feel free to contact either myself or the Chair of the Governing Body, Mr Anthony Bennett.

Sculpture trail

This event was due to take place on Saturday however due to the recent bad weather the area is too wet for it to go ahead. Please try to store your sculptures as we will try to rearrange the event.

Children in Need

Keeping to the theme of recycling we thought that this year we could do something a little bit different to raise money for this charity event. We thought the children could make spotty costumes from recycled materials for a whole school fashion show. The wackier the better! I am sure we have quite a few budding fashion designers out there so let's see how creative you can all be.

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A huge donation

We have been very fortunate to receive a £1500 donation from EON wind power who operates the wind farm on Ogden Moor. Mr Richard Couzens contacted me last week to give me the good news after he read about the good work carried out by staff and children at the school on our website. Obviously this substantial amount of money will enable Mrs King and the Eco team to fund more exciting projects in the future. Watch this space!

Teacher interviews

These have been taking place throughout the day today. The children have been heavily involved in the process and have been putting the candidates through their paces. I will notify you of the outcome in next week's newsletter.

Important dates for this half term.

Monday 16 th November	-	Friends of Oxenhope C.E Primary School craft night in school.
Friday 20 th November	-	Children in Need.
Monday 30 th November	-	School closed for staff training.
Friday 4 th December	-	Friends of Oxenhope C.E Primary School Christmas coffee morning.
Monday 7 th December	-	Young Voices at the MEN Arena.
Thursday 10 th December	-	Infant nativity performance in school. 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.
Sunday 13 th December	-	Lights of Love concert at Manorlands 4:00 pm.
Week beginning Monday 14 th December	-	Christmas parties. More information to follow.
Friday 18 th December	-	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church 9:30 am.
Friday 18 th December	-	School closes
Tuesday 5 th January 2010	-	School reopens

Stars of the week

Bronte	-	Cameron Archer & Charlie Garside
Lister	-	Rhys Normington
Butterfield	-	Mackenzie Galbraith
Devonshire	-	Ami Firth
Priestley	-	Zoe Bennett
MacMillan	-	Molly Ingham

Weekly Attendance winners – Hockney 100%

Have a great weekend.

Mr D Burns (Headteacher)