



Cross Country Success

Our Y5 and Y6 teams competed at Hylands Park yesterday and achieved our best set of results for many years. Our Y6 Boys and Y5 Boys finished 2nd overall in the team standings with many outstanding individual performances. They all wore their new kit with pride and were cheered on by many enthusiastic parent supporters.

Safeguarding Pupils

On a number of occasions recently, the toilets near to Class 7 and Class 4 in the 'lower' playground have been used by adults or older ex-pupils between 3pm and 3:15pm. Can it be made clear that these toilets are still in use by the pupils at this time and need to be considered part of the school? In order to safeguard everyone's needs, these toilets are therefore only to be used by pupils at the school **at all times**. Signs will be put up to this effect.

Staffing News

Mrs Argent (our SENCo) who currently works part-time (2 days a week) will be leaving us at the end of the term. We wish her well in her future career and thank her for her input to furthering the provision for children with special educational needs this term. I'm delighted to inform you that **Miss Lisa Gardner** will join us full-time as SENCo with a one day teaching commitment from January 2015.

Mr Slaughter who joined us in September 2013 as a Learning Support Assistant is leaving to pursue a new career pathway. I would like to particularly thank him for his input into cross country running at the school. Mr Russell will take over the commitment to this club following his taking over from Mrs JL Hollick who is now on maternity leave (no news yet!)

I would like us to give a warm welcome to the following staff who will be joining us over the following weeks; **Mrs Deverson** (Teaching Assistant Y6), **Miss Webster** (Learning Support Assistant), **Miss Tucker** (Learning Support Assistant Y3) and **Mrs Keenan** (Midday Supervisory Assistant).



*This year we are combining World Diabetes Day (14th Nov) with Children in Need (14th Nov) to hold a **Onesie Day on Friday 14th November**. It will be a non-uniform day where children can come to school in pyjamas or onesies in return for a donation to charity. Any money raised will be split evenly between Children in Need and JDRF, the charity which helps those with Type 1 Diabetes.*

No-one is allowed to sleep in class though!



FOBFS—Winter Bazaar 15/11/14

We urgently need more volunteers to help with running this successful event. If you can spare an hour or two please contact PTA. Also—we need any old toys or bric-a-brac donations URGENTLY to either school office.

Other Key dates

Thur 13th Nov Class 4 Assembly 9:15am

Fri 14th Nov 'Onesie' non uniform day

Fri 21st Nov Last hand in for shoe boxes

Mon 24th Nov Influenza Vaccine

24th—28th Nov Last week of clubs

Thur 27th Nov Class 5 Assembly 9:15am

Wed 17th Dec Upper school production

Thurs 18th Dec Christmas jumper day

Thurs 18th Dec Christmas lunch

Fri 19th Dec End of Term - 3.15 pm

Mon 5th Jan Pupils return

Christmas Production Dates

Y3 - 2pm Tues 10th December, 7pm Weds 11th December

Y4 - 7pm Tues 10th December, 2pm Weds 11th December

Y5 - 9:30am Weds 17th Dec **Y6** - 10:15am Weds 17th Dec



Operation Christmas Child

We are supporting Operation Christmas Child again this year to send shoe boxes packed with gifts to needy children. Last year we sent 55 boxes to Swaziland in Southern Africa.

Please donate any of these: soap, toothpaste, flannels, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, pads of paper, small cuddly toys, bouncy balls, small toy cars, comb, gloves, hats and sweets (not chocolate). Full list on their website – see link below.

If you would rather donate money, please make cheques payable to Samaritans Purse, it costs £3 to transport each box.

<http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

Parent Voice in The Barn

Wednesday 19th November 9am with tea/coffee served from 8:45am.

Please come along to share your views on current strengths and areas for Improvement.

