

# AUTUMN TERM - NEWSLETTER NO. 6

## Christmas is Coming

The children are working really hard preparing for our Christmas performances and there is a real buzz about the school. We all thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Fayre and Sarah Reed and our Friends of Hazel Wood are absolutely fantastic! Thanks also to the staff for their good humour and support in letting us use their classrooms. We raised a magnificent £2781.04 for your children.

## Morrisons Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has sent in Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers. A phenomenal 9,850 vouchers have been collected! This means we are able to purchase a new potting shed together with lots of smaller items, including a wheelbarrow, hoe, cloche, cloche end, compost and plant and vegetable food.

## Sale of Poppies

This year the sale of poppies raised £64.25. Thank you.

## Very Important Health Notice

We have had a large number of children and staff unwell with a sickness virus. If your child is sick please do not send them to school for **at least 48 hours** after the symptoms have stopped. Please keep the school informed if this should happen.

The following is advice if required:

- Drink lots of fluids.
- Regularly wash your hands.
- Rest for at least 48 hours after your vomiting and diarrhoea have stopped and you feel well.
- Do not handle food that will be eaten by others.
- See a doctor if your symptoms last longer than three days or you have blood in your diarrhoea or a high fever

The Health Protection Agency website also states:

*'Norovirus is highly infectious. Particular attention to good hygiene measures should be observed during outbreaks. It is very important to wash your hands with soap and water after contact with someone who is ill and after using the toilet, especially if you are suffering from symptoms. Thorough cleaning of hard surfaces with a bleach solution, paying particular attention to the toilet and toilet area and cleaning up vomit and the surrounding area quickly will help to reduce environmental contamination and reduce the risk of infection in others coming into contact with these surfaces later on'*

At Hazel Wood we have a comprehensive cleaning routine which encompasses disinfecting all hard surfaces, including computer keyboards and door handles.

It would be very helpful if you could remind your child about the importance of thoroughly washing their hands. Staff will also be doing this in school.

### Christmas Performances

On Tuesday you received your programmes for your child's Christmas performance (two per family). **Your programme is also your admittance ticket.** It would help us to plan seating if you could please return any unwanted programmes to the school office. Thank you.

The dates and times for the performances are:

Monday 14 December, at 9:30 - Year R parents to see "It's a Baby" (**red** programmes)

Monday 14 December, at 1:45 - Year 1 parents to see "Christmas Around the World" (**green** programmes)

Tuesday 15 December, at 9:30 - Year 2 parents to see "Christmas Around the World" (**yellow** programmes)

### Eco day

The children had an enjoyable day on 1 December and were very clear about how precious our electricity is after having a dark day with no computers or CD players. We took the decision to keep the heating on because of the very cold weather. We will be continuing to try and conserve our resources and recycle at every opportunity. Thank you to our eco warrior parents and children who also monitored the traffic in the car park.

### Car Park Safety

Please watch your children really carefully when they are getting out of your car or crossing the car park. We had an incident this week where a child ran out in front of a car that was about to reverse. Luckily the driver was able to stop.

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