



# October Newsletter 2011.

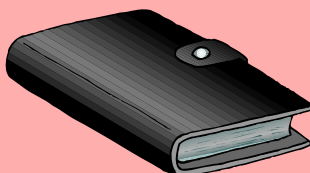
19TH OCTOBER 2011

## Diary

## Dates

Please read this each time as dates/events will change.  
Thank you.

Date	Event
20/10/11	Break Up
21/10/11	Training Day
31/10/11	Back To School
02/11/11	Pudsey Bear Visiting School



## Mathletics



We have just introduced a programme of support and challenge for KS2 pupils in mathematics called Mathletics. This is a web-based program which is interactive and fun and which motivates pupils. It is a resource which can respond to the individual needs of the pupil and is aimed at helping them develop mental maths skills and gain outstanding results. Every KS2 pupil will have the opportunity to access Mathletics in school during parts of numeracy and ICT. We will be starting Mathletics clubs after half term and will try to give as many KS2 children as possible access throughout the year. However, the children can also access Mathletics at home and we would encourage all parents to support their child and allow them some time on the internet at home if this is possible. Access to the site for the child, whether at school or at home, is covered by the licence which has been paid for by the school so there are no extra charges. We will ensure that any children who are not able to access the internet at home are given time in school on the Mathletics site. Ask your child to show you how it works! We would really appreciate any feedback.

## Homework

It is very important that children complete homework and take pride in their effort and presentation. We have clear routines for homework in each year group. If you have not received information regarding homework expectations or have any questions, please see your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. Thanks



Harvest Coffee/Cake

We are really looking forward to welcoming senior citizens into school this Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> for a Harvest Coffee Morning. Some of our youngest children are going to sing their harvest songs and I will be delighted to provide our visitors with a tour of our special school.

Poppies

School will be selling Poppies from Monday 31st October in the afternoon. There is no price limit but a silver coin would be appreciated.

Many thanks.



## Parents/Carers in School

We have been thinking of additional ways to invite parents into school to find out more about the learning that is taking place in class. We have decided to reduce class assemblies to one each year. These will take place in the summer term and will be an opportunity to celebrate some of the learning that has taken place during the year.

We have decided to supplement the class assemblies with "Curriculum Afternoons". Parents will be invited into school to visit their child's classroom to see the learning that is taking place and look at their child's books. I'll send you the dates for these afternoons and assemblies with plenty of notice for working parents.

## Y6 & Y5 Parents Meeting

If there are any parents who were unable to attend our recent Parents' Meetings (the group meeting I introduced not Parents' Evening), would you please contact our School Office as soon as possible to arrange a convenient time to come into school to sign the Home School Agreement. It is very important that we meet with a parent or carer for each child in Y5 and Y6 and once these meetings are complete, we will be able to welcome parents into school for our Y4 Parents' Meeting.

## Dogs, Cycling and Smoking

Thanks to parents for respecting our rules that forbid dogs, cycling and smoking on our school premises. We finally seem to be seeing some improvements in this area and the children have told me how much better they feel to know dogs, in particular, are not sharing their playground!

