



# HINDHAYES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 7

Friday 23rd October 2009

Dear Parents

We have had a very exciting first half term with all the children settling in their new classes very well. The visit to Great Breech Woods was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and the adults who supervised them. It involved a hunt for soft toys that were hidden in various places, just like the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. The older children used natural materials to make a den for themselves and their toys, while the younger ones made a small house for their toy. After all their hard work the children enjoyed sharing their experiences around a camp fire. It was good to see so many parents join us for our Harvest party. We collected £100 to enable families in Africa to buy a cow.

Our emphasis on outdoor learning has continued and children have enjoyed using the new pagoda in the quiet garden. It has been used for picnics, reading, drama, story times and exploring. By the end of the holiday the new extension to the outside cover area in the Foundation Stage will be complete. This will allow us to provide a greater range of undercover outdoor activities to support the learning.

We have also had visits from local clergy, tennis coaches and the police who have taken assemblies on keeping safe, keeping healthy, enjoying and achieving. After the holiday we will hold our parents' meetings to explain the curriculum and end of year expectations for the different year groups. This year we will hold two meetings, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to attend.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the bingo last night, the PTFA raised £360.00 which will go towards school funds.

I hope you all have a good holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Diane Sleeman  
Headteacher



## Dates for your Diary\*



**Wednesday 4th November**  
 Thursday 5th November  
 Monday 9th November  
 Wednesday 25th November  
 Thursday 19th November  
 Friday 20th November  
 Thursday 26th November  
 Friday 27th November  
 Saturday 28th November  
 Friday 4th December  
 Tuesday 8th December  
 Wednesday 9th December  
 Thursday 10th December  
 Thursday 10th December  
 Monday 14th December  
**Tuesday 15th December**  
 Wednesday 16th December  
 Thursday 17th December  
 Friday 18th December

**INSET day - school closed**  
 Return to school  
 PTFA meeting @ 7pm  
 Groovy hat day - details to follow  
 Year 1 visit to the Rural Life Museum - details to follow  
 Chestnut class assembly - details to follow  
 Millennium catering taster session - details to follow  
 Hazel class assembly - details to follow  
 PTFA Craft Fayre  
 PTFA Christmas Fayre @ 3.30pm  
 Children's Christmas performances - details to follow  
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 PTFA Christmas discos  
 Juggling workshop with whole school  
**Whole school Christmas trip to watch 'Fantastic Mr Fox' at Strode Theatre - details to follow**  
 Carols by Candlelight  
 Class Christmas parties  
 Finish for Christmas



**\*PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THESE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

