

## Mousehold Infant and Nursery School

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## Mousehold Infant and Nursery School Newsletter - November 2011

Dear Parent/Carer,

This half term is well underway and as busy as usual. Children are working hard and making good progress in their classes. We have had two Local Authority visits this half term and they have been thrilled with the progress our children are making.

We continue to enjoy relatively mild weather but as this can change at any time, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm hat, gloves and scarf with your child's name in.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael Judd, Headteacher

### Children In Need

We had a super day Friday 18th November with our children in fancy dress and our school population doubled with lots of bear visitors! We had great fun and raised £479.67. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

### Eco Council

The Eco Council together with Miss Humphrey ran a competition for 'Switch off Fortnight' to save energy. Children were asked to design a poster and the Eco team had a difficult job judging the 80 entries. We are proud to announce the winners: Deeren and Leyton from Class 9, Bethany and Leah from Class 4 and Rose and Sophie from Class 2. Well done! Everyone who entered will receive a sticker and our winners will receive a special 'eco recycled pencil'.

### Pedestrian Walk Way

The pedestrian walk way is a great success. The new walk way is an entrance to the school and our old walk way is the exit. These are clearly signed and we would be grateful if you could please use the correct walkway on your way into and out of school. Thank you.

### Scooters and bikes

We have had a number of 'near misses' with children riding scooters and bikes onto the playground at the start and end of the day. Please can children walk with their bike/scooter on the playground. Thank you.

### Class Assemblies

Thank you for your support with our new Class Assemblies. They have been hugely popular with children and staff alike and are a super opportunity for our parents and carers to see first hand some of the work that children are doing in school. They are also a good opportunity for our children to develop their speaking, listening and performing skills.

### Lotus Cars are coming!

As part of the Year 1 curriculum topic this term, Lotus cars have very kindly visited us to talk about transport and engineering. This was very exciting for us all (including the adults!). We

are hoping the press will come to school for our next Lotus visit in a couple of weeks so watch out for a picture in the paper!

### **Social Networking Sites – Facebook**

Whilst we appreciate that many parents enjoy using social networking sites including facebook, please ensure that any comments made that could be associated to the school or anyone within our school community are appropriate at all times.

### **Clubs**

For children who attend clubs after school - this week (28<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2 Dec) is the last week for clubs this term. Mrs Wilson has also sent out a reminder letter for parents.

### **Attendance and illness**

With winter fast approaching our children are likely to catch coughs and colds at school. If your child has a cold, sore throat or a cough it is still expected that they will attend school as normal. (Please be reassured that if your child becomes unwell enough to be at school we will phone you to ask you to collect him/her). In January we will be sending home your child's 'herringbone attendance sheet' so that you are better informed about attendance in school.

### **Milk**

If you would like your child to have milk in the Spring term (period covered Monday 9.1.12 to Friday 24.2.12) please send £6 (cash only) to the office in a sealed envelope on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of January. Thank you.

### **Flags by Adventure Play Equipment – Health and Safety Alert**

#### **We need to keep your children safe.**

Just a reminder to everyone, and for all our parents, carers and children, (including Nursery children) that nobody is allowed onto the large playground equipment when the coloured flags are flying even if a parent is watching their child. For health and safety reasons we must have a member of our staff supervising. We have a class rota for playtimes and lunchtimes so that everyone gets a turn under supervised conditions. Many thanks for your help.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **Autumn Term Dates 2011**

- 18.11.11 – Class 5 Assembly 10.15
- 2.12.11 - Class 6 Assembly 10.15
- 7.12.11 – Nursery Christmas songs – 10.30 (morning children) and 2.15 (afternoon children)
- 8.12.11 – Reception Christmas Performance 11 am (no babies/toddlers)
- 8.12.11 – Christmas Discos – Nursery and Reception @ 4pm to 5.30 pm and Year 1 and 2 @ 6pm to 7.30 pm
- 9.12.11 – Reception Christmas Performance 11 am (babies/toddlers welcome)
- 13.12.11 – Y1 and 2 Christmas Performance 11 am (no babies/toddlers)
- 14.12.11 – Y1 and 2 Christmas Performance 11 am (babies and toddlers welcome)
- 15.12.11 – Christmas parties pm
- 16.12.11 – YR going to visit the Puppet Theatre
- 16.12.11 – Terms ends 3pm
  
- 3.1.12 – Staff Training Day
- 4.1.12 – Children start Spring Term