

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2010

Dear parents, carers and Governors,

Last term passed by so quickly. Now the nights drawing in and the days getting colder.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new Play Ranger, **Zoe** who will join us for one year on Fridays.

Zoe will work alongside staff, children and Wendy (our current play-leader) to improve the quality of children's play in school. So many children have forgotten how to play together and Zoe will introduce new games and activities.

This term our SEAL focus will be on '**Getting On and Falling Out**'. Anti-bullying week is 15th-19th November.

On Friday 19th November we have **Children in Need** day-spots and stripes. **Poppies** are currently on sale from the Royal British Legion and all donations are welcomed.

The main charity adopted by the school for this year is '**Clean Water**'. The school council chose this charity.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome new members of the PTA as the previous Chair stepped down when her last child left the school in July. **Emma Skinner** was the Chair of the PTA for many years and she did the most wonderful job of chairing the group and raising large amounts of money for the school. We will miss her fun and laughter. Fortunately for us, the Chair for this year is Penny Cumine, who I know will do an equally wonderful job. Penny has a child, Ruby, in Year 1 and we look forward to working with Penny and the rest of the PTA in the coming years.

The money they have raised has been used to increase the amount of equipment for use in Key Stage 1 and outdoor instruments which will be fitted in the next few months.

Congratulations to **Ms Keddie and Ms Porter** for winning a rowing race during the half-term break. Mr Hutton presented them with medals in Celebration Assembly on Friday.

Y6 visited the **Conham Water Park in Hanham** to learn about tree sustainability in connection with the **school's woodchip boiler**.

Mr Hutton has recently discovered the underground **rainwater harvesting** tanks as a result of short-term problems with the toilets in school. It was a revelation to us all to see what was below the ground! We have now sorted it out.

Please regularly check our website for arrangements. **The diary** section has all the dates and is updated regularly.

The football team have played other schools, led by Mr Owen; guitar lessons have started with a private tutor and about a dozen or so children have joined the club.

Tae Kwando is a popular club and Infant Agility workshops have been enjoyed by all Key Stage 1 children.

We are going to add a **new shelter** to the field side of the school. This means that children can use the area when it rains and it will improve the **waiting arrangements for parents** in wet weather.

Mr Antill is a governor of the school. His wife has visited the school as part of a community project led by her company. A group of volunteers will work on the garden and conservation area to increase the pathways and remove thistles and weeds. **Thank you** to Mr Antill for thinking of us!

Next Friday (12th) a theatre group will perform *The Wind in the Willows* (50p please) for Key Stage 1 and Y3. (Classes 3.4.5.6.7.8)

We continue to admit new children throughout the school and they have settled in well.

Thank you to our wonderful helpers in school. Mums, grans, dads all contribute to the children's well-being through reading, cooking and many other activities and we love having them here.