



HENLEY IN ARDEN  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Cross of Nails

The children and staff had an enjoyable time receiving the Cross of Nails from Wootton Primary School and walking back from St John's Church with it. We then took it to The Ferncumbe School where we took part in their Collective Worship as we handed it over to the children. Although we are celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of church schools in Britain this year, we know that there has been a church school in Henley for much longer than 200 years!

### PLEASE NOTE - TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

We will be having a training day on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** so school will be closed for children on that day. We apologise for the relatively short notice.

The next one is on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and our last one of the year will be on 20<sup>th</sup> February following half term.

### PTA

#### Race Night

Tickets are selling fast for the Race Night on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, so get your quickly! £6 will buy your place at a table, a fish supper and an evening of fun. You may even win some money, but you will certainly help towards raising more funds for the PTA. Currently, the PTA are aiming towards buying 16 'netbooks' to match 16 bought by the school to be used once the Wifi system is installed in school. PTA are also paying for the in school panto at Christmas, a large sandpit for the playground for all children to use and possibly wellie racks for each class. The wellie racks will ensure children can use the field all year round which is a little like extending the playground.

#### Disco

Due to a change of the DJ's circumstances, we will have to hold the next disco at 5.00-6.30 on 14<sup>th</sup> October, rather than 6.00-7.30 as advertised. Letters in bags today. Please send back in by 7<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets will be sent home the week of 10<sup>th</sup> October, but if for some reason your child does not receive one or it gets lost before the day, no need to worry as we have a record of all payments and they will be allowed in.

#### Recipe Book

The PTA would like to produce a recipe book as a fundraiser for the school. The idea is that the recipes will be donated by the children, parents, grandparents and any extended family that wish to contribute. We would like all the artwork to be done by the children. We will then put everything together with some graphic design expertise and arrange for the printing and binding of the book. The books will then be on sale on an ongoing basis.

The first step is to collect the recipes so we would appreciate if you could all send in your favourite family recipes with your name attached. Please let us know if you don't want your name to appear in the book. Thank you very much, we appreciate your support.

Christmas Fair - will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December after school

Next PTA - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

#### Parents' Evenings

Lists are up!

We offer two choices for the parent teacher consultation meeting, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30 - 8.00 and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 - 6.00.

#### KS2 Maths evening

This Thursday evening at 7.00 in Year 6 classroom. Do come along even if you have not sent in a slip. It's always well worth the time you give up to learn how your child is taught maths calculations.

#### KS1 Maths evening

We will also hold a maths evening for parents of KS1 children on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to show you how it all begins including explaining the mysteries of a number line, partitioning and arrays. Do come along if you would like to be able to speak the same mathematical language as your child!

#### Harvest Celebration

We will hold our annual Harvest Celebration on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 1.30. All the children in school will take part and parents and families are welcome to join us. You may take your child home after the service. We will collect non-perishable produce from 17<sup>th</sup> October and donate it to the Salvation Army based in Stratford.

### Second hand sale

First of all, thank you to all of you who sent in cakes for the cake sale and those who bought them. Years 5 and 6 raised over £130 towards their fund.

They will be holding a second hand book sale this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15 in the hall so if you couldn't find what you wanted at last week's book fair, come along and get yourself a bargain. There are books suitable for children and adults.

### Dyslexia drop in at Claverdon

The next regional drop in for parents of children with dyslexia or related conditions will be held at Claverdon School at 1.15 on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### Christingle

This year, Years 5 and 6 will be running our first ever Christingle service as their Christmas production in the church. Years 3 and 4 will perform their own Christmas nativity in school. We have felt for the past few years that Year 3 and 4 are quite overshadowed by the older children and are not sufficiently challenged so took the decision to have two different performances.

However, we are planning for Years 5 and 6 to perform a show for us in the summer after SATs. More information to follow...

Some dates in the last week of term have changed slightly to accommodate the panto.

<b>October</b>		
3	9.00	Parents' Evening lists in entrance hall
6	7.00	KS2 maths evening for parents
7	3.15	Y5/6 2 <sup>nd</sup> hand book sale
10	9.15	Y5/6 go to Black History exhibition in Bidford
11	All day	Y3/4 Bollywood Day. Show for parents and school at 2.45
14	5.00-6.30	Disco
18	7.00-9.00	Astronomy evening here at Henley
19	1.15	Dyslexia drop in @ Claverdon Primary
19	5.30-8.00	Parents' evening
20	3.30-6.00	Parents' evening
21	1.30	Harvest
	3.15	Break up
31	9.00	Back to school
<b>November</b>		
3	7.00	KS1 Maths evening
3	8.00	PTA meeting in school
14	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING</b>
18	All day	CHILDREN In Need Wear something spotty
18	8.00-late	Race Night
25	All day	Non-uniform - Bring a bottle for Christmas fair
25	2.15	Y5/6 perform Young Voices in school
28	1.30	Christmas tree up in school
29	10.30	200 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at Coventry Cathedral
30	1.00ish	Y5/6 go to Young Voices at NEC
<b>December</b>		
1	3.15	Christmas Fair in hall
5	pm	KS1 dress rehearsal
6	am	Y3/4 dress rehearsal
6	1.45	KS1 performance
6	6.00	Y5/6 Christingle in church
7	1.45	Y3/4 performance
7	6.15	KS1 performance
8	1.45	Y5/6 Christingle in church
8	6.15	Y3/4 performance
12	1.45	Panto - Beauty and the Beast in school
13	pm	KS1 party
14	pm	KS2 party
16	1.30	Carol singing