



### Cup Winners and awards

Due to the INSET day on Friday we will be holding our usual Friday celebration assembly on Monday 31st January.

Team points, awards and reading / homework rewards will be given out then.

### Dates for your Diary

#### January 2011

28th - INSET Day

31st - Governors Meeting 4pm

#### February 2011

10th - Dance Festival QEGS

### Reading With Parents

Our usual Tuesday reading session is being moved to Monday morning starting 17th January.



## Young Voices 2011

For over a decade Young Voices has been staging the largest children's concerts in the world in the hope that many children each year will be inspired to start their musical journey, wherever that may take them.

This year Young Voices came back bigger than ever despite the postponement due to the extreme December weather!

Mrs Smith, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Wood led the choir to the Sheffield Hallam Arena for our third consecutive year, to what proved to be a night of fantastic entertainment and opportunity for our singers. A huge thank you goes to the choir for their dedication and commitment in preparing for the concert and to the staff for being so giving of their time.



As a direct result of our commitment to music and singing all Key Stage 2 children now have the opportunity to perform at the Derby Assembly Rooms in March (letters have been sent home) this really is a unique opportunity which I feel is of enormous benefit to the children's singing and performing skills. Please support this event by encouraging your child to return the slip and being part of something really great!

Mrs Smith, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Wood would like to thank the children for their impeccable behavior, they were a credit to the school!



We are not an anti-dog school. In fact several of our staff are dog owners, **however, we are anti dog mess!** It causes inconvenience, disease and can be a huge problem when a child arrives at school with it stuck to the bottom of their shoe. This has occurred more than once since we returned to school this term and continues to concern staff. As a result and to prevent further incidents we are asking for children to change into pumps or slippers whilst in school, hopefully preventing dog mess from being walked through the school contaminating carpets, resources and clothing.

**We expect people to act responsibly and pick their dog's litter up. It's only fair to our neighbours and the rest of our community - Please CLEAN IT UP!!**

### What are the dog fouling laws?

Persons in control of a dog must, by law, pick up any mess made by their dogs. Dog wardens, Community Protection Officers and some other council staff have the power to issue £50 fixed penalty notices on the spot or through the post. If someone continues to fail to clear up after their dog or doesn't pay the fixed penalty then they will be prosecuted. The person in control of the dog can be fined up to £1000 if found guilty.

This means that if someone is walking someone else's dog they must clear up after it. Always take an adequate supply of poop scoop bags whenever you go out with a dog and use them!

### Did you know?

- The UK dog population is between 6.5 and 7.4 million. (ENCAMS)
- Dogs produce 1000 tonnes of dog poo every day. (ENCAMS)
- Other estimates calculate that daily faecal and urinary output per dog is 100 - 200g and 0.25 - 1.25 litres. (ENCAMS)
- It is true that humans can get round worm Toxocara infection from dog faeces and is a direct consequence of soil or sand contamination with dog poo carrying eggs of the parasite. (ENCAMS)
- There are approximately 1 million microscopic eggs in a single dog mess. (ENCAMS)
- Eye disorders are the most commonly reported complaint associated with toxocariasis. (ENCAMS)