



#### Parent Partnership

Parents who take on a supportive role in their child's learning make a difference in improving achievement and behaviour. The active involvement of parents in the life of a school can help promote a learning community in which pupils can engage positively with school staff and their peers. Engaging with parents ensures an understanding of the role that you play in your child's learning and development. This year as part of our School Development Plan we're really looking to develop and strengthen the home/school relationship by inviting you to several workshops across the school throughout the term. We will try to vary the times and days but understand not everyone will be able to attend. However, any notes or advice booklets can be obtained from school after the event.

#### Stay and Play

Our first such parent session is 'Stay & Play' for the New Starters in Reception. Miss Pendrigh and Mrs Wilkinson will demonstrate how we facilitate learning in and out of the classroom for our younger children, as well as offering phonic advice and guidance. This is the first of several sessions to be staggered across the autumn term - Friday 30th September straight after drop off 8.45am until 10.30am, younger siblings are welcome to stay too.

#### Balloon Launch

Following the launch of 150 balloons as part of our celebrations we are delighted to announce the winners.

1st Prize of £25 goes to Sharon Edge her balloon travelled 189.71 miles and was found in West Sussex.

Kirsten Bradbury was second with a distance of 168.79 miles and again was found in Surrey.

Laura Mellor wins third prize of 161.41 miles, her balloon was found in Middlesex.

Can the winners please pop into school to collect and sign for their cash prizes!!

#### Relief Staff

We desperately need relief **Midday Staff** and a **Relief Cleaner**. At the moment when staff are ill and unable to attend work we struggle to cover their roles. Please contact Jenny in the office if you know of anyone or are able to offer your help.

#### PE Kit in School

Please ensure all kit is in school everyday in a separate bag and all items are clearly labelled. PE is an important part of the curriculum and children need to be dressed appropriately for the planned activities.

#### Dates for your Diary

26th September at 7pm - Governors

8th October - Halloween Dance

20th October from 3.30pm - Autumn Parents Evening

24th October - Half Term

31st October - School Closed Inset Day - 1st Aid at Kniveton

#### Ashbourne Telegraph

New starters in Reception will have their photographs taken by a photographer from the paper on Friday 30th September at 1.15pm. The photo is usually published the week after.

#### Olympic 2012

You can't help to have noticed that London is getting ready for the 2012 Olympics. In school, as part of our curriculum we are studying the Greeks as well as celebrating and enjoying all that sport has to offer. This week we had a very special visitor a Taekwondo Champion and potential Team GB member Imitiaz Nadir.

Imitiaz really put the children through their paces with plenty of exercises that really tested the children's stamina and fitness levels. The sponsor money raised is split between the Sports 4 All and school. Thank you for your generosity.



#### School Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Leader, the job is 7 hours and 5 minutes per week term time only 11.55am until 1.20pm.

The role is to co-ordinate a small team of Midday Supervisors and develop active play throughout the school. Full details are available at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

#### Rev. Andy Larkin School Assembly

Andy Larkin was in school this week wrapping children in toilet roll and asking the question how we can be a friend and offer forgiveness.



#### In School we are Collecting.....

Old Postage Stamps for the PDSA, Old Ink Cartridges & Mobile Phones, Nestle Box Tops for Books & Morrison's Vouchers