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FINAL NEWSLETTER

As we reach the end of another school year I would to thank all of you for your cooperation and support this year. Thank you for attending various school events including the end of year Assemblies and Key Stage 2 Showcase. Thank you for supporting the fund raising event (non-school uniform football day and cake sales) where just over £700 was raised. This is an incredible amount of money and we propose to use it to enhance playtimes. Thank you very much.

I would like to thank the Holywell Fundraisers for the exceptional work they have done during the last school year. Without their support the school would not be able to make provision for "extras" which benefit the children. On behalf of the school I would like to express my appreciation to the Fundraisers.

Congratulations to Mrs Sadler (TA) who has had a baby boy called George. The school is extremely fortunate to have Mr Read (husband of our Chair of Governors) coming in every week to tend the garden. I know some of you, who have recently been in school, have commented on the beautiful garden. I would like to thank Mr Read for all his hard work which is done for the benefit of the school.

Kayz Days Holiday Club - this will be running during the school holiday starting next week at Holywell. Please contact Kayz Days on: 0121 447 9847 if you are interested in sending your child.

Our best wishes go to Year 6 as they leave Holywell to go to high school. The SATs results this year will be available on the school website next term. Many congratulations to Year 6 on their superb achievements. For children who are returning to Holywell in September, please send them with pens, pencils, rulers, crayons, rubbers and any other stationery items you think they may need. Please make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named. Please remember that all term dates are on the website for next year.

Thank you for returning the questionnaires. These will be analysed and the results published on the school website next term.

Year 6 designed and produced leaflets and book marks to celebrate the World Cup in South Africa. They raised the amazing sum of £215. Year 6 decided to sponsor a young boy in Kenya. Their donation will pay for the child's education and one hot meal per day.

They also have sponsored a jaguar in the Amazon Rainforest as well as donating footballs and gloves for the children of Holywell to use at break times.



Governors

I enclose brief reports from the various Committees:

Finance Committee - the Finance Committee at Holywell is a hardworking team and they have worked exceptionally hard over the last year to ensure that best value is attributed to the school. The school budget has been set for the forthcoming year.

Mrs Forth-Eglon, Chair of Finance

Curriculum and Standards Committee - The Curriculum and Standards Committee has met five times during this academic year (2009 - 2010). The committee is made up of five members of the Governing Body. Over the year we have worked on the following:

- A review of Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2 achievements for 2008 - 2009 end of Key Stage targets.
- The curriculum
- Policies - the following have been agreed: Curriculum, Equal Opportunities, Guidance for School Race Relations, Water and Food, Homework, Anti-Bullying, Acceptable Use, Guidelines for Governors, Science and Science Portfolio of Work i.e. Safety Policy.
- Term dates and TE days have been agreed.
- Artsmark Plan of Action was agreed.
- Trialling a new programme of study 'Rapid Maths' was discussed.
- Section A of the school's Self Evaluation Form for OfSTED was reviewed.

Mrs Biggs - Chair of Curriculum and Standards Committee

SEN Committee - The SEN Committee worked with Mrs Jones (SENCO) to review the SEN Policy and has been in school several times to support the work the school is undertaking with regard to children with Special Educational Needs. Discussions have taken place regarding the Looked After Children (LAC).

Ms Thompson - Chair of SEN Committee

Health & Safety Committee - During the summer term the key achievement for the Health and Safety Committee is the successful implementation of a new CCTV system for school, improving safety for our children. Other achievements include preventative health and safety measures by addressing areas of risk i.e. improvements to nursery gates and KS1 cloakroom areas. Objectives for next term include analysis of KS2 playground and review of the asset management maintenance plan. The committee has, working with Mrs Farmer in the school office, overseen the building project. The new room should be ready for the school in September.

Ms Coates - Chair of H&S

Personnel Committee - The committee have met regularly during the year. They have reviewed County and school policies and have been actively involved in recruitment of staff. The committee has also reviewed the staff structure for the school.

Mrs Millett - Chair of Personnel Committee

Safeguarding Governor - Mrs Pauline Read has attended "Safeguarding Children in Education" training and is currently undertaking online training on Safer Recruitment in Schools.

Sustainability Governor - Mrs Linda O'Rourke represents the governing body and attends Eco-Committee meetings in school. She has been actively involved supporting the children with energy saving ideas and planning an Eco-Day for the autumn term with Mrs Collier. The Eco-Committee and the Art Club made and decorated clay tiles which followed a pattern of the Ying Yang theme (Good against Bad). The finished work will be displayed during the autumn term at Rubery Library.

I would like to thank all staff and Governors for their help and support during the last school year.

I hope you enjoy the summer holiday; term begins for children on: **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND 2010.**

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