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Dear Parents / Carers

NEWSLETTER

Unfortunately, I start this Newsletter with some very sad news.

Mr Dent - Holywell and Gannow Middle School Teacher.

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that, sadly, Mr Dent has passed away. Mr Dent had been ill for some time and his failing health prompted him to take early retirement in 2007. During his career he taught many hundreds of children and those children - some are now adults - loved and admired him and he quickly gained their respect. He was a very popular teacher with staff, children and parents. Those who knew Mr Dent will remember him with fondness and for the kind, compassionate man he always was. His contribution to the education of the Rubery children was significant. Our sympathies extend to Mr Dent's wife and family. Staff at Holywell are in regular contact with Mrs Dent and will continue to offer her support and friendship.

School News

West Bromwich Albion raffle - thank you for supporting this. A Year 3 boy won the raffle. He is a WBA supporter so being a match day mascot will be a great prize for him!

Walk to School week - this will be held from Monday May 18th until Friday May 22nd. We would encourage you to walk to and from school with your children every day this week please. This would be good for the children



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and may also help the ongoing car parking problem. I would like to remind you to take extra care when parking near the school and to bear in mind the health and safety of all the children and school personnel.

Healthy Lunchboxes and Fruit - children should only have fresh fruit as a snack for their morning break please. Fruit bars should be kept for lunchtimes. As we move into the summer term it is important that your child brings his/her bottle of water on a daily basis please.

Key Stage 2 House of Fun week - this has been a brilliant week in school. The children have worked in their cross age house groups during the afternoons this week. They have enjoyed their projects and we hope to repeat this type of activity on a more regular basis. Many thanks to Miss Davies for masterminding the House of Fun and to all staff who have helped during the week.

Comic Relief - thank you for supporting Red Nose Day. I am delighted to be able to tell you that over £400 was raised and has been sent to the Comic Relief charity.

Reading Volunteers - teachers in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) would like to appeal for volunteer readers please to read with the children during the day. If you can spare some time on a regular basis please contact the class teacher. Perhaps there are some grandparents who might like to volunteer?? You will need to have a Worcestershire CRB in place.

Soup and potatoes - these will continue at the start of next term until further notice.

Easter Bonnets - thank you to parents of children in the Early Years who came into school today wearing their Easter Bonnets. These beautiful bonnets cheered us all up.

Term starts on Monday April 20th 2009. I hope you all have a very enjoyable Easter holiday with your children.

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