

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011

## Newsletter 5

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our Year 6 class, all the children have secured places at the schools of their choice and once again, grammar school entrance examination results have been very successful. Details of the grammar school offers will be on the website shortly.

The theme for this year's annual Healthy Schools Week was diet and exercise and between the skipping, cheerleading, dance and cooking with the Expo Chef, we had a very eventful and informative week. Thank you for supporting the 'Best Dressed Fruit or Vegetable' competition, from 'Lady Galia' to the 'Aubergine Penguin Twins' the ideas were really original, entertaining and certainly gave the School Council a very tough job when it came to judging them. Miss Creegan and Mrs Kiely now run the new style tuck shop along with Year 5. It is proving very popular and I have promised the children that next term we will be asking for their comments and suggestions as to how we can make it even better. Any money raised from the tuck shop will be spent on resources for playtimes.

We have been notified by the local authority that they are proposing to withdraw the Manchester Road crossing patrol. I have replied voicing my concerns as this does not reinforce their suggestions that we encourage parents to park on Wellington Road then expect the children to cross the busiest road in Bury without any assistance. I will keep you informed of developments with this matter. I know parking is difficult at the rear of school, the number of students at Holy Cross continues to grow and it is clear that a lot of the students are parking at the rear of the school and therefore restricting the amount of space. Please remember that the staff car park must not be used at the beginning and end of the school day, children walk through the car park and staff cars must be able to pull in safely from the main road.

The recent PTFA events have been very well supported and the PTFA will be funding the Travelling by Tuba concert later in the summer term (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June).

Congratulations to Miss Farrow and the choir for another lovely performance at the Ramsbottom Music Festival, no prizes for them this year but well done to Ferdia (Y6) for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Light Vocal (11 and under) class, Chloe and Elizabeth for being awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Light Classical folk duet (13 and under) and 'Bliss' for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Small Choral Ensemble (open category).

Well done to all the children in St George's house, a total of 2,161 points makes them the half termly winner and the deserving recipients of an 'Easter' surprise.

Some diary dates to note: Book Week (9.5.11) and Test Week (16.5.11). Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May is our Open Morning when you will have an opportunity to meet next year's class teachers. Year 6 and the choir will be asked to attend this event.

It's been a very busy term, I am certain the children are ready for a rest and on behalf of everyone in school I would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

Anne Dean

### **School re-opens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

#### **Diary Dates for Summer term 2011**

#### **May**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Class photographs

Year 6 Robinwood meeting 3.30 p.m. in the Year 6 classroom

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Book Week with a Year 6 class assembly on Monday at 9.05 a.m.

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Test Week/World Religions study week

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Open Day 10.00-1.00 p.m.

25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Robinwood visit

27<sup>th</sup> School closes

#### **June**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** School re-opens

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> New Entrants' morning for Nursery and Reception

Sponsored Spell-*details to follow*

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> Mission Together Week

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Travelling by Tuba concert-please note that there will be an Early Years concert immediately after school closes and a further concert involving all children from Years 1-6 at 6 p.m. more details will follow.**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Year 2 class assembly 9.05 a.m.

Transition to Year 1 meeting 6.30 p.m. *details to follow*

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Independent School's Athletics Meeting at Beech House

#### **July**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July End of Year Mass

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> School closes