



# Windermere Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many supportive parents at our Harvest Festival. So far we have raised just short of £200 towards a ShelterBox. The Rotary Club of St Albans will match our donation, so if you have not yet donated, it is not too late to do so. Another £80 would be enough to pay for a box of essential equipment, which could make a huge difference to people in crisis.

If our Harvest Festival celebration hadn't been clue n enough, the change in the weather tells us that autumn is definitely here. Please make sure that your child has a coat and appropriate shoes for this weather. Boots may be worn to and from school, but SHOES must be worn indoors.

### Photographs

We were obliged to change our individual school photographs and had rescheduled these for next week. However, as it now looks as though Eid will be celebrated on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, the photographs have been rescheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013. If you would like siblings to be photographed together, please complete the slip attached.

### Cross Country

The sun smiled on our annual Cross Country event. The children did extremely well, particularly as some of the older pupils had participated in a district event the evening before. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to act as marshals and helpers for the morning and to Mr Harries for organising the event.

### Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

The PTA organised a coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support, which was very welcome after the exertions of the Cross Country. With your support they raised a magnificent £207.25!

### School Disco - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Tickets are on sale for this event – if your child missed the letter, please ask for another copy at the office.

### PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 am in the dining room to discuss arrangements for the Christmas Fair. Everyone is welcome to come along and share their ideas for stalls and activities.





### **Wheatfields v Windermere**

For the first time in the history of my headship I have to report a WIN at football! Three superb goals by Nathan and Nasir secured our success. Well done to all of the football team and their coaches – Matt Wyatt and Mr Convery.

### **Job Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a cleaner after school. If you or someone else might be interested in this part-time job, please enquire at the office for further details and an application form.

### **Hazard Alley**

Last week Years 5 and 6 went to Hazard Alley in Milton Keynes to experience a variety of hazards under supervised conditions. They are now able to make emergency calls, place unconscious patients in the recovery position and avoid all sorts of dangers.

### **Romans at the Abbey**

Hazard Alley wasn't the only excursion for Year 5, they have also been to St Albans Abbey to find out about Romans in Britain. They returned with some delightful mosaics as evidence of their activities.

### **Animals**

Unfortunately I must remind you that dogs, even carried in your arms, are not permitted on school property. Even the most placid of dogs can react badly when frightened and some children have an extreme fear of dogs.

### **Open Mornings**

We will be holding open mornings for parents looking for a Reception place for 2014/15 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please pass the word around to anyone who has a child looking to start school next September.

Finally, don't forget that we have a staff training day on **FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER**. The school is closed to pupils on this day. We return to school on Monday 4th November.

**Mrs D Raftery**  
**Headteacher**

**School Photographs – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Return this only if you wish your child to be photographed with their siblings. There is no obligation to buy any photograph.

Child's Name: ..... Year: .....

I would like my child photographed with their brothers/sisters:

Name: ..... Year: .....

Name: ..... Year: .....

Name: ..... Year: .....

Name: ..... Year: .....

I would like my child to be photographed with their pre-school brothers/sisters.