



# Maynards Green Community Primary School

## Newsletter October 2009

### Charity Fund Raising Day - next Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October



You will remember the demonstration of search and rescue mounted by the T24 Search and Rescue Dog Team. The charity fund raising day we have planned to support this organisation is next Monday - 19<sup>th</sup> October. On this day, staff in KS2 (Yrs 3 to 6) have organised a Doggy Bingo game (with prizes).

In each of the KS1 classes (Yrs R to 2), the staff have arranged 'Guess the Name of the Dog' competitions (winners will receive the toy dogs as prizes). To play the bingo games and to enter the 'Name of the Dog' competitions children are asked to bring into school on this day at least 50p as entrance fee! All proceeds will then be donated to the T24 Search and Rescue Team.

### Harvest Thanks

Many thanks to all who donated the lovely Harvest gifts at last weeks Harvest Celebrations. These gifts were later taken to St Patrick's Trust in Hove and were gratefully received by members of the trust. Thank you too for the gifts of money which we received in aid of Action Aid. Thanks to your generosity Action Aid will be able to provide a nourishing, nutrient filled, vitamin packed 'porridge' for 5 malnourished children for 3 months.



### New Chair of Governors

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Charmain Bustard has been elected to the Chair of the Governing Body. Mrs Bustard has served on the Governing Body for the last year and is looking forward to becoming more closely involved with the school and making herself known to parents and children.

### Suggestions/Comments Box

I am always happy to receive suggestions and/or comments from parents. I know that it is not always easy to meet with me with your comments so I will be placing a box in the Main Entrance into which parents may pop any suggestion and/or comment they wish. Depending on the volume and type of suggestions that are made, I may simply take them on board and include them in the next cycle of school planning or I may contact the parents concerned to discuss their comments further if appropriate.

### Story books with CDs/cassette tapes

We are trying to build up our library of story books with an accompanying CD or cassette tape. If you have any of these sets which are no longer needed by your family, would you be kind enough to donate them to the school. If so, please pop the sets into a bag and hand them to Mrs Naylor Clements. Thank you.

A **Big Thank You** to all those who responded to the recent questionnaire about helping & getting involved in school. It was a very good response and staff will shortly be contacting those parents who wish to help.

### Themes for Assemblies in Term 2



Autumn - changes around us

Advent - anticipation, waiting and preparing for a special occasion

Light - festivals of light including Channukah, Diwali & Christmas



Dates and Events for Terms 1 and 2

(new or change of dates are in bold)

**Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct - end of Term 1 break**

**OCTOBER**

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Science Workshops (organised by 'Shell') for children in Yrs 3, 4 and 5  
1.15 Swimming Pool Committee Meeting

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Charity Fund Raising Day for the 'Search and Rescue Dogs'**

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> 3.40 - 6.30 Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings  
**The Friends 'Rainbow Day'. Come dressed in bright colours and pop £1 in the collection pot. All monies raised for school fund.**

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Last day of Term 1 school closed to children for staff training.

**NOVEMBER**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> 3.40 - 6.30 Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Children's Festive Crafty Morning  
Last day of after school clubs

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Last week of KS2 Homework

**DECEMBER**

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Friends Christmas Fair 2.00 - 4.00pm**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> HASP Carol Concert in the evening with rehearsals in the afternoon (Yr 5 & 6 only)

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 11.45 School Christmas Lunch

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00 KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal  
PM KS2 Dress Rehearsal

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00 KS1 Nativity Play  
7.00pm KS2 Festive Drama

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00 KS1 Nativity Play  
7.00pm KS2 Festive Drama

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> PM Christmas Parties for all

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 2

School Term and Holiday dates for 2009/2010

**Term 1:** 3 Sept - 23 Oct 2009 38 days

*October Break*

**Term 2:** 2 Nov - 18 Dec 2009 35 days

*Christmas Break*

**Term 3:** 4 Jan - 12 Feb 2010 30 days

*February Break*

**Term 4:** 22 Feb - 31st Mar 2010 28 days

*April Break*

**Term 5:** 19 Apr - 28 May 2010 29 days

*May Break*

**Term 6:** 7 June - 23 July 2010 35 days

Collecting Stamp

We are continuing to support  
Leukaemia Research so please keep your  
used stamps coming in!  
Thank you.

**Thank you**

A special thanks to Mrs Marsden for the  
great deal of time and care she has  
devoted to the photocopying, laminating  
and labelling of a new reading and spelling  
resource called 'Bullseye'.

Many thanks.

### Used school clothing

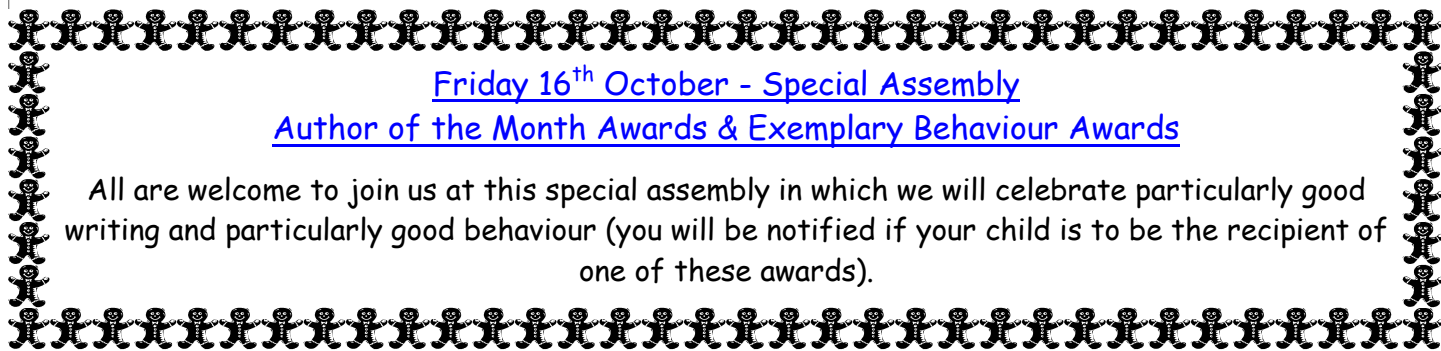
The Friends would be very happy to receive donations of school uniform in good condition which may no longer fit your child. You will know that items of used clothing are readily available to parents from the wicker basket stored in the school Hall Lobby. Parents are invited to help themselves and leave a donation of their choice in the School Office for the items they have taken. You will also know that from time to time, the Friends display items of school clothing at events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs etc. Thank you.

**REMINDER !** School will be closed to children on **Friday 23rd October** due to staff training.

### **Yr 2 educational visit**

Yr 2 children enjoyed a visit to Eastbourne as part of their seaside topic. This year, the visit was enhanced by a visit to a large primary school in the town. Our Yr 2 pupils were very warmly welcomed by their Yr 2 counterparts at Bourne County Primary School and this visit proved to be the highlight of their day. To spend some time in a large urban primary school (with no green space at all!) was an enriching experience for our pupils especially when they learned of the tremendous linguistic and cultural diversity at Bourne.

Our Yr 2 children are now looking forward with great anticipation to welcoming Bourne Yr 2 pupils to Maynards Green later in the term.



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Special Assembly

Author of the Month Awards & Exemplary Behaviour Awards

All are welcome to join us at this special assembly in which we will celebrate particularly good writing and particularly good behaviour (you will be notified if your child is to be the recipient of one of these awards).

### **The Big Draw**

A specialist art teacher from Heathfield Community College recently spent a morning with Yr 6 pupils. They greatly enjoyed this experience and produced a range of art work which the visiting teacher took back to HCC. Later this term the work of our Yr 6 pupils will be displayed at the College together with art work from other local primary school children.