



2nd February 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

This week we are celebrating **National Storytelling Week** in school. We started yesterday with a fantastic whole school storytelling session in assembly, led by Miss Blackwell, and classes will be following up throughout the week with their own story creating and story mapping. Why not join in at home with your own storytelling session, or you could ask your child to re-tell you the story Miss Blackwell told on Monday...

The School Council are planning to hold a **Cake Sale after school next Wednesday 10th**, to raise money to help people in Haiti who have been affected by the earthquake. We'd be very grateful if you could help by donating a cake (or some small cakes) to be sold from Monday next week, and of course by coming along to the sale after school next Wednesday! It is fantastic that our children want to do something practical to help people in another part of the world who have been hit by a terrible disaster and I am sure everyone will want to help to make the sale a success.

Many of you will have been following different local news stories connected to the **redevelopment of the school site** over the last few months. At the moment the project is still going through the various planning approval stages but you may have heard that the normal operation of the community centre is shortly going to need to stop to enable the first phase of the building project to begin later this year. In the school the governors are working with the city council to see which community groups could make use of spaces like the school hall temporarily during this period. Obviously we need to make sure that the school can continue to use the hall as normal but with the help of our caretaker we are hoping to host a number of groups - especially those attended by children from the school.

Contacting teachers. If you have a query or question about your child's schooling - or some information you need to pass on - teachers and other school staff are always happy to talk to you. It is usually best to speak first to your child's teacher, either before registration at 8:55 or at the end of the school day. All we ask is that Parents and Carers are respectful of the fact that other children will be in class at the start and end of the day. If you need a longer or more private chat do contact the office and ask for an appointment to see your child's teacher.

In previous years we have held termly class assemblies for children to share work with friends and family. As our school has grown bigger though we have found it almost impossible to fit in assembly practices with using the hall for PE, music and other school assemblies. So from this year we have planned different ways to share the children's learning: classes organise their work into several projects during the year, each one usually around 6 weeks long. At the end of each project there will normally be a chance for parents and carers to come into school, have a cup of tea and to see what the children have been up to. So far this year we have had open afternoons for parents to see project books, exhibitions and even full scale productions like Year 3 & 4's 'Peace Child'. We do want everyone to know what the children are up to in school, and to share in their learning.

A reminder that school is closed for the half term break Monday 15th - Friday 19th February, with holiday activities from Oxford Active taking place in the school.

4th February (This Thursday) Meeting for Year 6 Parents/Carers, 3:30 about SATs tests
25th February Meeting for Parents/Carers of children going to Kilvrough, 3:30

Best wishes from Mr. Lewin, and everyone at Wood Farm School.



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