



18th November 2011

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This Wednesday we enjoyed a fantastic assembly given by children from classes across the school, all about the festival of Eid. The children told us why it is special to Muslim families, and also told us about some of the things their own families do during Eid. Well done to all the children involved, and special thanks to Mrs Shama and Mrs Chandarana who helped to put the assembly together.

On Thursday we had another special assembly – this time to present **Brighty**, from Miss Phillips class, with her trophy for her winning design in the *Design a Road Safety Banner* competition, organised by Brake – the road safety charity. The presentation was made by Andy Olejnik, Managing Director of Recognition Express Oxfordshire, who told us that over 8,000 schools entered, so Brighty did brilliantly well! Her design will soon be appearing outside the school and you may see some pictures in the Oxford Mail. The children were all presented with a high visibility drawstring bag too, as part of Brighty's prize.

You may have seen the school featured on BBC Oxford News this week, along with some filming of children in Year 6. This was because Wood Farm School has been identified by the county council as a school in Oxfordshire that has been making particularly good progress in recent years. It was fantastic to see children representing the school so well and to have our successes being broadcast, as we are all very proud of what our children achieve. Later this year the government will publish the national tables for schools – of course these only show one aspect of school life – but you will be able to see from them that **children at Wood Farm School make progress in English and Maths that is not only above average for Oxfordshire, but also above national average too.**

Thanks to everyone who was able to come along to meetings with teachers this week, and for filling in the school questionnaire. We will give you the overall results from the questionnaire later this term, but in the meantime if you didn't have the chance to fill in a form this week please do ask for a copy from the office.

Best of luck to the Football team, who will be playing against Bayards Hill later today – and thanks to Ms Farr, Mr Green and all of the parents and carers who have helped to take the children to the match.

Building Update

Demolition of the old school buildings is due to begin in December, and we are currently planning a short ceremony at the start of the day on Monday 5th to mark the end of the old classrooms – more details coming soon, but do make a note of this date.

We are making plans for our annual Christmas Bazaar, along with Christmas productions, which may all have a slightly different feel this year as we make use of the upstairs hall space. Please could we have your donations of prizes for the Christmas raffle, to the school office. We are planning to hold the bazaar on the 2nd December – all money raised goes to the school.

Dates for your diary:

22 nd Nov	F1 Parents/Carers meetings after school
2 nd Dec	Christmas Bazaar, after school in the hall
5 th Dec	Demolition ceremony! Y5 & 6 to Panto
7 th Dec	Y3 & 4 to Panto
8 th Dec	School Christmas lunch Y1 & 2 production
12 th Dec	Y5 & 6 production (to be confirmed)
13 th Dec	F-stage nativity Y1 & 2 to Panto
14 th Dec	Y3 & 4 Carol concert
15 th Dec	Y5 & 6 production (to be confirmed)
16 th Dec	End of term

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



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