



# Martley Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015



### ***Dear Parents and friends of Martley Church of England Primary,***

It's the countdown to Christmas! Lots to do and lots to be happy about!

This newsletter will be in 2 main sections, 'Updates' and 'Forthcoming dates'.

#### **Updates:**

1. Thank you for making **Mrs Emmy Chagwa**  from our partner school, Kambarage, in Morogoro, Tanzania so welcome. She thoroughly enjoyed her experience of British culture...just as much as we have enjoyed our first hand top up of Tanzanian life! **A great experience.**

Emmy has now returned to Morogoro and wanted me to pass on her thanks to everyone for making her feel so welcome.

#### **2. School Action Council Elections**



The successful 'councillors' are:

Freya Williams, Finley Dawe, Guy Steven, Zoe Pearce, Felicity Gibbins, Lana Muller, Noah Hendy and Tabby Steven. Well done to all of them and all of those who stood for election. I know that the councillors will have a ready-made set of volunteers to help to run their meetings and activities.

#### **3. Congratulations to our Year 5 + 6 athletics teams.**



In the recent cluster tournament the Boys team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and the Girls team finished 1<sup>st</sup>!

Overall the team came 1<sup>st</sup> in the cluster! The Olympic legacy lives on at Martley!

#### **4. HMI progress- a message from our Chair of Governors:**

*Dear Parents,*

*You will have received from Mr. Massey a summary of the HMI feedback following the monitoring visit on 22nd October. The outcome is a very positive and forward looking one and it is excellent to know that the school is taking the effective action required to move it on. I would like to congratulate the staff team for acting so quickly on the recommendations and to confirm that governors are very happy that all suggestions for further steps are already identified within the School Improvement Plan. Martley is a delightful school and it is evident that staff, governors, parents and pupils all work together well towards the same goals.*

*Michele Humphreys.  
Chair of Governors.*

## 5. Remembrance Collection

A superb £226.05 was raised this year on behalf of Martley CE Primary School and Nursery. Thank you. Well done to the children who took part in the service, especially Ross Hackman (Y6) who carried the poppy with dignity and Summer Cole who laid the wreath with Mrs Chagwa.



6. Children In Need-Well done to everyone again who contributed to the collection for Children In Need. £150 was raised!  
**Thank you!**



## 7. School Vacancies:

We still have **2 vacancies for lunch time supervisors**. If you would like more details then please do contact the office. We would consider job shares if you could not commit to the whole week.

We also have a vacancy for a **Clerk to the Governors**. More details are available in the school office.

## 8. Head Lice



We have cases of re-occurring head lice infestations in a several classes. PLEASE do check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly, especially when we send notification letters out. It is frustrating for children, parents and staff when infestations reoccur due to individual children's hair not being treated. Children's hair should be tied back if long enough to do so.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

## 9. Coats- please check for names



Occasionally children take home the wrong item of clothing. Often this can be coats and as the weather has been so varied they do not always wear them the next day and then they can be put on one side at home and forgotten about until the next cold snap. Can you please check at home to see if you have any items that may have been brought home by mistake please? Thanks

## 10. Christmas Nativity dates + tickets



Holly/Maple class Nativity performances

These will be performed on:

**Evening of WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> December 6.15 p.m.**

**Afternoon 2p.m and Evening 6.15 p.m** of THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December. The exact timings will be confirmed later this week when we have completed some rehearsals. Thank you for your help so far to get costumes ready.



## 11. Christmas cards

The School Christmas post box will be open from Thursday! Cards need to be labelled with the child's name and their class so that they can be delivered by our in-house posties-Year 6!



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12. **PTFA**

**The AGM for the PTFA will be on THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 at 7p.m. here at school.**



**Please put this date in your diary so that we can meet and get our events sorted for the year! Thank you!**

**Upcoming events and dates:**

a. **Christingle Service -Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 4p.m. at St Peters.**

The choir will be performing!

b. **Holly/Maple Class Nativity**

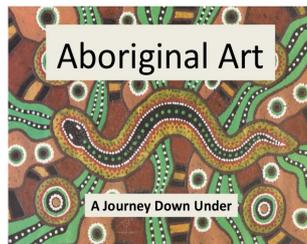
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c. **Rowan Class Art Gallery**

Rowan class children have been very creative this term!

They want to show off their work in an 'exhibition'.



This will take place at school on **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> December** and

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5.15-6.15 p.m.**, and also on the **afternoon of THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1.15-2 p.m. and 3-3.30p.m.**

These times will fit around the Nativity performances on the same day. We do hope you can come to browse their creations!

d. **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas lunch** and Christmas parties- Please return your order form by 9th December.

e. **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December- School Carol Service at St Peter's Church.**

**6.15 p.m**

f. **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Text Santa: Wear your Christmas jumper day!**



On the last day the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers and donate £1 to the Text Santa charity...The children can get creative and decorate a jumper with baubles and tinsel if they do not have a Christmas jumper in their wardrobe!

**Break up Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

***Andrew Massey-Head Teacher***