



**29<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Dear parents,

Well, we have certainly had an exciting week in school this week!

On Tuesday, we were extremely fortunate to have a visit from Police Dog Handler PC Pike and his amazing dogs – Squirty MacFilthy and Billy.

He talked to the children about the dogs, how they are trained and the important work that they do. He told us how Squirty had been a rescue dog and had been very badly treated before he joined the police dog team.

We then all went outside and were treated to seeing the dogs working. They were absolutely amazing and it was wonderful for the children to see the teamwork between dog handler and dogs. I could have quite easily taken both dogs home with me. We must thank our PCSO Lisa Crocker for organising this for us and also for PC Pike for taking the time to give us such an informative and exciting experience. I think quite a few of our children now want to be police dog handlers when they grow up (in fact I am quite tempted too)!

On Wednesday we had our 'Feeling Good about Myself' day. The children were sorted into five mixed-age groups and worked through five different activities: *Forest Schools*; *The 'S' Factor – Challenging Stereotypes*; *Yoga*; *Building Learning Power*; *Relaxing through Art and Music*. At the end of the day the drama group, who have been working with Mrs Darkin during their playtimes, performed a powerful play showing how our bullying policy works and explaining our 'ABC' on bullying and how we are a 'telling' school. The day ran perfectly and the children said it was 'inspiring', 'relaxing', 'challenging', 'fun', and 'made them think in a different way!'

We would like to thank our 'safeguarding children governor', Lynne Medlock, who spent the day with us, and also Stevie and Heather who ran the art group with Jane Kearns. We would also like to thank Debbie and Vicky, our Parent Support workers, who gave a talk about their wonderful service. All of our staff put in so much enthusiastic effort for the day and we were rewarded by the obvious enjoyment from and benefits to the children. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs Darkin who worked so hard to ensure that the day ran so brilliantly! The children were amazing, supporting each other and working as teams: we couldn't have wished for more from them.

The school nurse will be in next week on Thursday to see the September intake children, please see enclosed leaflet.

The Shelter Box collection raised a wonderful £125.00. Thank you to everyone for supporting this cause.

### **Green Wellie alert**

Please would you check inside your child's green wellies to see if they have 'NSlee' written inside them near the top.

Many thanks,

Natasha and Matthew's mum.

### **50/50 Auction**

This is taking place **this Saturday** (30<sup>th</sup>) and is a chance to make a bit of money from your unwanted items. These can be left in the Village Hall from noon on Saturday and the doors are open in the evening from 7p.m. for viewing. The auction itself starts at 8 p.m. and the selling price is shared equally between school and you. There will be hot pasties and a licensed bar.

### **Off The Peg Fashion Show**

All are welcome to come to the Fashion Show on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. with the show starting at 8.00 p.m.. Tickets are £4 which includes a complimentary glass of wine, and are available from Morwenna (Robyn's mum) or Claire (Matthew Slee's mum).

### **Yeo Yos**

**As places for Yeo Yo's are in such demand, we need at least 24 hours notice for cancellations. We will have to charge for any sessions cancelled without advance notice unless the child is off school ill. We apologise for any inconvenience.**

### **Save your stamps, save the albatross!**

Find all of the used stamps on your regular post and bring them to school. Please could you put them in either the pin badge box or the albatross box in the cloakroom. There will be something celebratory in the newsletter when the target of 2 kilos is hit! Foreign stamps are also accepted.

Thank you

Sam W, Class 3

### **Half term**

Week of 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> February** is a non-pupil day as staff will be attending a learning community conference.

Have a good weekend,

Best wishes,

Jane Edwards