

**HYDE C E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 8
AUTUMN TERM
4th NOVEMBER 2016**

Dear Parents

Welcome back and I hope you and your families enjoyed the half-term break. Thank you for supporting our Harvest Festival before half term. Once again the children were wonderful and provided us with much to reflect upon with their thought-provoking prayers, poetry and plays.

Attendance : Our current whole school rate is 96.22% - our target is to maintain this above 96%. If your child is ill and unable to attend, please remember to let us know the reason by telephone or in person on the first day of absence. We ask that you do not do this by text message; if you need to contact us outside of school hours, a message can be left on our answer phone. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Trussell Trust Shoebox Appeal : Once again we are supporting the Trussell Trust's Christmas Box Appeal for children and adults in Bulgaria. This afternoon Rich Parsons, from the trust, has visited school to talk to the children about the trust's work and to show them how special their shoebox gifts are to the people who receive them but we need your help please.

Firstly, we would like you to get as many empty shoe boxes as possible. Shoe shops often have spare ones if you ask. Please bring them in to school and we will store them. We are going to have some after school sessions for children and parents to come and wrap a shoebox. We will let you know the dates next week. We will provide the wrapping paper, glue and sellotape: we would just like some willing volunteers! At the same time there will be an opportunity for children/staff/parents to make loomband bracelets to go into the shoe boxes.

We are planning to spend an afternoon in school filling shoe boxes on Friday 18th November. For this to take place we need donations of items to go in the shoe boxes. Please read the leaflet sent home today to get ideas of things to send in. Don't feel you have to provide enough to fill a shoe box. Good second hand toys are brilliant and the children in Bulgaria enjoy playing with them. A pot of bubbles is always a highlight in a child's box, a few sweets or chocolate, a hat, scarf and gloves to help keep them warm, some toiletries, pens, pencils and notebooks ~ all these things are appreciated by the people of Bulgaria.

The shoe boxes are split into different categories:

Boy 0-1	Girl 7-10
Girl 0-1	Boy 7-10
Girl 2-3	Girl 11-15
Boy 2-3	Boy 11-15
Girl 4-6	Man
Boy 4-6	Woman

Bag2School : The next HSFA Bag2School collection is on **Thursday 24 November**.

Bags have been sent home today so please see what you can find to fill them. Please fill your bags with any good quality Adults' and Children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. If you need any extra bags to pass on to relatives or friends, please call into the school office to see Mrs Baker. Please remember that the driver will not take any uniforms, bedding, towels, household linen, bric-a-brac, cushions or curtains. Thank you.

In Your Child's Book Bag This Week:

- "Bag2School" collection bag
- The Trussell Trust "Christmas Box Appeal 2016" leaflet

Yours sincerely



Julie Dalziell
Headteacher

- *From time to time we send out details of out of school clubs and activities. Although we have taken all reasonable steps to ensure the validity and safety of these activities and/or services, we cannot guarantee their quality. Inclusion of any provider does not imply a recommendation or endorsement by Hampshire County Council. Parents/ persons with parental responsibility and/or participants should make their own enquiries as to its suitability or purpose.*
- **Please check your child's book bag on a daily basis for Accident/Illness report slips.**

DATES 2016-17

NOVEMBER

5th: Open Morning for prospective Year R parents, 10am-12 noon
14th: Messy Church, 3.30pm – 5.00pm Hyde Church Centre
16th: Open Afternoon for prospective Year R parents, 1.30pm-2.45pm
24th: **Bag2School collection**

DECEMBER

7th: Whole school visit to Nuffield Theatre to see 'Fantastic Mr Fox'
12th: Messy Church, 3.30pm – 5.00pm Hyde Church Centre
15th: Nativity Services 2pm and 6.30pm, Hyde Church
16th: School closes for Christmas

19th-2nd Jan: Christmas Break

JANUARY

3rd: School re-opens
9th: Messy Church, 3.30pm – 5.00pm Hyde Church Centre

FEBRUARY

13th: Parents' Evening, 3.30pm-6.00pm
16th: Parents' Evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm
17th: School closes for half term
20th-24th: Half Term
27th: School re-opens

MARCH

APRIL

7th: School closes for Easter
10th-21st: Easter Break
24th: INSET Day 2
25th: School re-opens

MAY

1st: School closed: Bank Holiday
2nd-5th: Bikeability cycle training for Year 5
8th-12th: Year 6 Tests week
25th: School finishes for Half Term
26th: INSET Day 3

29th-2nd June: Half Term

JUNE

5th: School re-opens
6th: Sports Day: am – Jim Biddle Shield (Years 2-6)
pm – Sports Afternoon (whole school)
9th: Reserve date for Sports Day
16th: Whole school photograph

JULY

7th: End of Year Reports sent home
11th: Parents' Evening to discuss reports
21st: School closes for summer
24th: INSET Day 4
25th: INSET Day 5