



# **Laira Green Primary School**

**Newsletter  
October 2011**

**School is closed for Training on  
Monday 10th October.**

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

We are well under way with the new school year and I am pleased to report that all our pupils are settled and working hard.

The school is focussing on reading for a second year. Reading is a vital life skill that all children should be taught and I am determined that all children leave our school with the basic skills of Literacy and Numeracy. In order to achieve this we have introduced a new spelling and handwriting scheme. Class teachers are reporting a huge improvement in spellings and our new Literacy leader will be closely monitoring pupil progress throughout the year.

The handwriting scheme enables children to form their letters correctly and gives children the vital skill to take notes quickly, which will help them at secondary school. Also, the children love it!

All keystage two children are enjoying their music lessons and it is wonderful to see them learning new skills which they will never forget.

Parents Evenings are taking place week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October when you will have a chance to discuss your child's progress.

We recently hosted Mrs Patricia Priour, a French teacher from Brest. Laura Green is involved in a twinning project with her primary school, Algesiras in Brest. Thanks to Mrs Read we now have a French link page on the school website which our French colleagues can access and contribute to. We are hoping that the children teach each other a song to sing as well as a giving cookery demonstration. I wish to thank Mrs Hall for her enthusiasm and commitment to the project.

Please remember that an INSET is planned for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. School will be closed for training.

Miss D Bailey  
Headteacher



### Laura Library. Coffee Morning.

We will be taking our Foundation pupils on a visit to join the Library. Parents are more than welcome to come along and enjoy a coffee. Mrs Hemingway and Mrs Ford have the registration forms and dates for the visit so please see them for more details.



### Captain Scott Centenary March 29<sup>th</sup> 1912.

**Did you know that the carpenter, Francis E Davies, was an ex Laura Green pupil.** He built the base camp huts as well as the wooden cross which marks the grave of Scott and his men. In recognition of this event the whole school curriculum will be based on Scott and the Antarctic in the Spring Term. All subjects and subject leaders will be involved including History, Science, DT and Art, ICT, Geography and PHSE. Mr Strode, who has Francis Davies' original memoirs, will be leading this project. He has already arranged for some sledges to be in school so we can anticipate some fun sledge pulling events. We would like this to be a whole community project and are aiming to hold an exhibition type event of all the children's work and artefacts. If you are interested in becoming involved or have information to share please see Mr Strode or your child's class teacher.

## VOUCHERS.

A big thank you to everyone who brought in Sainsbury's vouchers. We managed to buy the following:

Shuttlecocks, Rounders bats, badminton rackets, skipping ropes, sticky monster mitts, ball set, bean bags, ankle skips, playground balls, netballs, tennis balls, holdalls, hip hops, taxi, scooter and hoops.

**We are still collecting the Nestle cereal book vouchers and would really appreciate any being brought into school. When children bring them in, if they see Mrs Price, they will receive a sticker!**

Morrisons are currently issuing vouchers for schools which we are collecting again. The collection box is located in the hallway outside the school office.

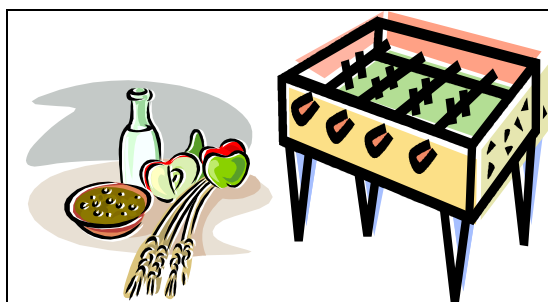
### **THANK YOU ALL..**

Laira Library Summer Reading Challenge - The following children have received certificates from Laira Library for reading a whopping 6 books each during the Summer holidays! A fantastic achievement, well done to everyone!

Naomi A, Niamh B, Hannah B, Bailey B, Eveie C, Molly C, Archy D, Morgan D, Caitlin G, Ben E, Bradley H, Theo H-D, Daniel H (1/2N), Daniel H(Ash), Matthew H, Charla J, Alfie J, Avjana K, Charlotte L, Mark P, Jodie P, Amy R, Oriann R, Olivia S, Ellie S, Beverly T & Kole W.

**SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENT – PLEASE ENSURE ANY SCHOOL MEALS ARE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. YOU ARE ABLE TO PAY DAILY OR AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS YOU WISH USING THE CASH MACHINE IN THE MAIN SCHOOL ENTRANCE. Many thanks.**

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS – IF YOU ARE ENTITLED TO CLAIM FREE SCHOOL MEALS PLEASE DO EVEN IF YOUR CHILD HAS A PACKED LUNCH AS OUR SCHOOL WILL STILL BENEFIT. The Local Authority and Central Government base school budgets and funding upon the number of children registered for free school meals.**



### **Breakfast Club and After School at Greenshoots.**

**Spaces are available for both clubs so please contact Julie on 228272**

### **Plymouth Raiders Visit Laira Green**

On Tuesday, players from the Plymouth Raiders Basketball Team came in to work with the year 5/6 classes. They did workshops on staying healthy, stopping smoking and you are what you eat. All the children were given the opportunity to have some expert coaching too. Everyone had a super time!

### **Role Of Honour!**

#### **Headteachers Awards.**

Theo H-D-Handwriting, spellings and phonics, Josh L-caring for a friend, Macauley for looking smart and having his shirt tucked in, Nico, Katelyn, Angel, Sophie, Charlie, Lorna H, Eveie C, Beverly, Kym, Ben L, Ben R & Oriann for helping in Assembly. Caitlyn, Evie, Emma, Holly, Ashton, Ellie D, Alfie for acting in Assembly to the story 'Why Do We Need Schools Rules?' Jasmine for lovely writing. Riley B, Isaac B-M, Charlie D for playing nicely with cars. Dominic C, Ruby R & Isobel E for good sorting. Parry-good work, Connor-sitting nicely, Mason & Levi for talking nicely on the phone. Daniel H, Kieran U, Caitlyn H, Jamie C, Lee R & Ellie H for good reading with Mrs Cornish Harry W for making an England flag,

MTA Awards-Logan R, Chloe P, Kieran U & Beveridge

### Special Events and Diary Dates

Please note we have an Inset arranged for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Term Dates for 2011/12 Academic Year available on the website and from the office.

October 2011	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	CLASS 4/3DL ASSEMBLY
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET/NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	PARENTS MEETING RE NETHERCOTT FARM-TOP HALL 3.15PM
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	CLASS 1/2H ASSEMBLY
WEEK COMMENCING 17 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	PARENTS EVENINGS
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	HALLOWEEN DISCOS
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	RETURN TO SCHOOL
November 2011	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	CLASS 6/5W ASSEMBLY
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	CLASS 1/2N ASSEMBLY
TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER FROM 8.15AM FOR FAMILY GROUPS
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	CLASS 3RB ASSEMBLY
December 2011	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	CLASS 6/5S ASSEMBLY
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	CLASS 1HB ASSEMBLY
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 CAROL SERVICE
FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF TERM
WEDNESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012	RETURN TO SCHOOL

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