



**Laira Green Primary School
Newsletter
December 2011**

LAIRA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2011

12PM TO 3PM

LAIRA GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful experience my recent trip to Nepal was, once my suitcase had caught up with me 24 hours later after going to Kuwait first and then Calcutta!

Alongside my colleagues we visited eleven Nepalese schools on behalf of their twinned school in Plymouth. The pupils of our link school, Kaliaka Primary, are taught in barn type buildings without electricity and in some cases no desks or chairs. They really loved the teddy our pupils had bought them and they all now own a Laira Green bookmark.

We certainly have a lot to learn from their culture, especially about their dancing and music.

ATTENDANCE is becoming a concern again at Laira Green. Remember 90% attendance means half a day off per week. 80% means one a day off per week. Mrs Lloyd, our Educational Welfare Officer, will be contacting all parents with attendance below 90%.

If you need to discuss your pupils attendance with me then please make an appointment to chat with me. We are hoping to start a walking bus to help with busy households in the morning to help bring children to school and on time. Mrs Toze, our PSA, will be talking to parents to establish our bus!

Children are leaving home without coats and sometimes school jumpers and it can become quite cold by lunchtime. We need to keep them warm and snug to fight off colds and bugs. This might help with our attendance issue.

CELEBRATION EVENING. On next Thursday 8th December, we will be holding our Annual Celebration Evening when the Governing Body will be reporting the schools successes and achievements for the last year. Please come along to hear about the schools future targets and plans for school improvement. The choir and band will be performing so it will be an enjoyable evening with drinks and nibbles!

RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS! Lots of events, including Christmas parties, lunches, pantomimes and performances so please be mindful of the dates for these events as we look forward to seeing you there.

May I wish the school community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Fair tomorrow!

Miss D Bailey



CHILDREN IN NEED 2011



This year we had lots of fun wearing pyjamas and bringing teddies to school and raised whopping £174 for Pudsey!! Thank you to everyone for the donations. Special thanks to Ben P-C in 5/4S who held a cake sale in class and raised over £14, well done Ben!



We also have to say a huge THANK YOU to Colin Bunney, the PAFC coach who runs the football club on Mondays for not only donating £20 to Children in Need, but also donating £200 to Laira Green to enable us to buy new goal posts for the playground. Thank you very much; we are sure that the goals will get plenty of use!!



Plymouth Arts Festival

On Saturday 19th November, Mya T, Cody M and Megan D performed a dance, with children from two other schools, at Plymouth University. This was a performing arts event put on as part of the British Arts Festival being held in Plymouth.

They danced to music from Holst's Planets and were a real credit to Laira Green School. Well done girls, you were fantastic!

ATTENDANCE FOR TERM 1

Dragonflies	95%
Caterpillars	87%

Please note an adjustment to the class attendance for Dragonflies and Caterpillars only.

Old % and grade	New % and grade
95% + good	95% satisfactory
	97% good

As you can see we now need to achieve 97% attendance to achieve a 'good' grade.

Thank you for your continued commitment to your child's education.

Monthly attendance for November

Bumblebees 91%	Chestnut 94%
Ladybirds 93%	Sycamore 93%
Caterpillars 82%	Hazel 95%
Butterflies 94%	Ash 93%
Dragonflies 94%	Birch 95%

HEADTEACHER'S ROLE OF HONOUR

Ella-Mae W-C - Star of the Day

Kyle L for excellent addition

Kelsey and Jack H for good Maths skills

MTA Awards (chosen by the MTA's)

Holly E, Bradley H, Chloe P, Charlotte M, Hannah W, Deimnante, Orfthlaith, Eveie C and Mya Tungate.

You are model pupils for Laira Green, well done.



Laira Green Shoots Movie Nights.

Once again our fantastic Community Forum has organised a wonderful evening for all our children. KS1 were treated to Alvin & The Chipmunks the Squeakquel and KS2 watched Horrid Henry. The children brought pillows and teddies to snuggle down with and all had a lovely time.

Thank you LGCF for all you do for our school and Greenshoots Pre School



Exciting news!

The school has signed up to participate in the Children's University scheme. The Children's University is a national organisation that provides 5 to 14 year olds with exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours. Our after school clubs will be validated by the Children's University so that the children can use these experiences towards their 'degree.' If you would like to learn more about the Children's University and how the scheme works then come along to an assembly on Monday 12th Dec at 9.15am; representatives from the C.U will be there to deliver a presentation about the scheme.

"HAVE YOUR SAY MEETING"

Wednesday 14th December 6.30pm at Lipson Vale Primary School. Open to members of the public to have your say about local matters of importance. The Police and members of PCC Housing Team will be available.



**Breakfast Club and After School at Greenshoots.
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Spaces are available for both clubs so please contact Julie on

Special Events and Diary Dates

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

December 2011	
Friday 2 nd December	CLASS 6/5S ASSEMBLY
Saturday 3 rd December	CHRISTMAS FAIR 12pm-3pm
Thursday 8 th December	SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Thursday 8 th December @6pm	School Celebration Evening
Friday 9 th December	TRAVELLING PANTOMIME
Tuesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	
Thursday 15 th December 1.25pm	KS2 CAROL SERVICE at St. Marys Church
FRIDAY 16 TH DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF TERM
WEDNESDAY 4 TH JANUARY 2012	RETURN TO SCHOOL

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