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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY W/B 09/11/09:

Monday 09/11/09

- ✓ Book Fair
- ✓ NPSA Meeting @
7.30pm

Thursday 12/11/09

- ✓ Parents' Evening
- ✓ Football tournament @
Sulis Club 1-4pm

Friday 13/11/09

- ✓ 6S Assembly @ 2.30pm
- ✓ NPSA Coffee Morning 9-
10am – all welcome

COMPOST

Would anyone be interested in having some of the school compost? All enquiries to Dawn Worthington via the School Office.

LOST

Black Ben Ten coat with a picture on the back to fit age 8, named inside. Please contact the School Office if found. Thank you.

HEAD'S VIEW

Reading at Newbridge

Since amalgamation, we have put reading as one of our top priorities for development. We see it as fundamental to children's learning and you will have noticed the introduction of the library, the appointment of Mr Day as library manager and substantial investment in library books over that time. Mrs Woods was also appointed as Reading Recovery teacher and in the last year she has been working with a number of Year 1 children who have all made tremendous progress as a result. We are now ready to roll out the next phase of the Every Child A Reader (ECAR) programme which involves a number of our volunteers and teaching assistants, having undergone a two day training programme, working with up to twenty children from across the school. This part of the ECAR programme is called Better Reading Partners. It lasts for ten weeks and involves the child reading one to one with the adult three times a week for twenty minutes. We intend to extend this programme next year. On top of that, we have invested a considerable amount in updating the classroom collections of books. These have been graded and banded so that each child will be bringing home books pitched at the right level for them. Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Woods and a team of volunteers have spent many an hour on this but we still have considerable work to do. While all the new books have been banded, we now need to take in all the Lower School stock and re-band those so that there is consistency across the school. **The more volunteers who can help on this, the quicker we can achieve our aims. If you are able to help us in this it would be greatly appreciated - all you need to do is to complete and return the proforma at the end of this newsletter, indicating when you can help during the week after next. The more hands the better!** In addition to all of this, the teachers and teaching assistants have been hard at work, assessing the reading levels of all the children in the school, to ensure that all our children's reading is being supported at the right level. On a final note on this, I would like to emphasise that at the centre of our philosophy is the love of reading. There is nothing quite like discovering the book that you cannot wait to get back to and therefore, while we are putting structures in place to ensure that no child leaves our school without the ability to read fluently, we see it as crucial that they also leave us with a love of reading. Thank you for all your support at home with reading because as parents and carers we can and do make such a difference in this area.

'My Learning' Folders

These are coming home today with the children and we ask for them to come back with the children on Monday. All children from Year 1 to 6 have one of these folders. There is a full introduction and explanation at the front of each of these folders and they are part of our ambition to develop the skills and attitudes of learning in all our children. I think we all recognise the importance of really wanting to learn, being able to stick at it when the going gets tough, to be able to work with others, to be able to use one's imagination and to be resourceful. All these aspects and more are included in the 'My Learning' programme. What we ask you to do is to spend a few minutes with your child this weekend and note down in the folder any way that they have shown these traits in their learning at home. Please see this learning in the broadest sense and not just academic learning. So it could be related to tying shoe laces, to making up plays or dances with friends, doing more 'keepie uppies' in football than ever before, building a lego tower, baking a cake and so on. Your help in enabling your child to reflect and understand how they learn is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



HELP NEEDED:

Are you a recorder player? Could you help teach Year 3's to play the recorder during Term 3 (January to February)? You would be needed on Wednesday mornings each week.

Please contact Mrs Houston if you think you can help – all abilities welcome! Thanks.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be on sale in school until Thursday next week.



BOOK FAIR

On Monday 9th November we will be holding a one day Book Fair. Children from all year groups will have an opportunity to browse the books during the school day. Children in Years 3 to 6 will be able to buy books during the day. They should bring their money in a named purse/envelope and hand this to their class teacher at the beginning of the school day. The fair will remain open from 3.15pm so that children in the Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2, together with their parent/carer, can purchase books.

LINK ROMANIA SHOE BOX APPEAL

There is still time to complete a shoebox if you haven't already done so. Thanks to those who have already given.

EMMANUEL SUNDAY SCHOOL
This week, 8th November at 9.30am
Apsley Road
All welcome

HELPING WITH SORTING AND BANDING BOOKS

Further to Mr Croker's request in the 'Head's View', I am able to offer my help on the following days and times:

Tuesday 17 th November	am []	pm []
Wednesday 18 th November	am []	pm []
Thursday 19 th November	am []	pm []

Please complete and return this slip to the Office and we will be in touch!

Signed..... Name..... Contact number.....