

11 November 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The deadline for applications for a place in Reception is **Tuesday 15th January**. You can apply online or by telephone (01629 533190) from today. Children with a late application are less likely to be admitted to their 'first choice' school. Please note that attendance at Howitt Nursery does **not** give your child a place in Reception: you still need to apply for a place.

GOODBYE TO MRS BEARDSLEY (MIDDAY SUPERVISOR)

Mrs. Beardsley, our longest serving Midday Supervisor, has retired after many years of dedicated work within the school as a Midday Supervisor and as a classroom volunteer. She will be missed by all our staff and children.

11am on 11th NOVEMBER

The school was silent at 11am on 11th November, to show our respect to those injured or killed in wars.

POLICE IN SCHOOL

Emma Fisher, PCSO, will be in school on Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 14th November. She will be working with the juniors talking about issues and dealing with cyber bullying and introducing herself and her role to the infants.

Some parents will have noticed the police on Cottage Garden Lane last week: they are supporting us all in trying to improve the safety of the children.

HOWITT FUNDRAISERS MEETING, WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER AT 3:45pm

The Annual General Meeting of our fundraising group was held on Wednesday 6th November. 8 people attended and 4 votes were received for positions on the committee. The group has decided to change its name from Howitt PTA to **HOWITT FUNDRAISERS**, making it clear that their purpose is to raise funds to benefit the children in school. Their next meeting is on Wednesday this week at **3:45pm**: Please come along and give your support as they are desperate for new members. They have a page on the school website as well as on Facebook. Their next fundraising event is the **CHRISTMAS TREAT NIGHT on FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER** from 6:30pm. Letters will be sent home this week to give you more details.

CHILDREN IN NEED, FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

We hope to have lots of 'Super heroes' in school on Friday, supporting the Children in Need charities. Please send your child's donation money to school clearly marked 'Donation for non -uniform day', thank you.

SICKNESS BUGS

According to medical guidance, children need to be absent from school for **at least 24 hours** after vomiting. Otherwise, there is a likelihood that their illness will be passed on to others. If you are unsure about whether you should send your child to school after they have been sick, please speak to the office staff.

OFSTED REPORT

Please note that a copy of our Ofsted Report will be sent to you as soon as possible. We are yet to receive it.

Pam Purdon
Headteacher