



December 2010



*"Happy Christmas
to all our readers!"*



Children In Need
2010

On Friday 19th November we all came to school in spots for a non-uniform day. It was a lot of fun with a guess how many sweets competitions and a cake sale! We collected money throughout the day to try and get a large amount of money to give to Children in Need. The final total for the money raised was **£410!** 'Thank you for your donations!' Well done to James Corden who correctly guessed that there were 645 smarties in the jar. Thank you for all your kind donations.



By Ella Williams



Bread Making Day

We had lots of fun on the last day before half term making bread, even though we probably made a lot of crumbs. I asked Harry Fairlie what his favourite part was and he said it was eating the bread, a good choice. Other people like Chloe Huddleston enjoyed making the bread. We had some very interesting and extraordinary shapes, in fact some people used scissors to make spikes on their shapes. All the children enjoyed the day celebrating harvest.



By Francesco
Edwards



Term Time News

School Diary

December 2010

Wed 1 st Charity Concert for Junior Choir 7.30pm
Sat 4 th St Giles' Church Christmas Concert 7.30pm
Mon 6 th Art Club 4-5pm
Tue 7 th Reception & Year 1 trip to Belvoir Castle (all day)
Wed 8 th Infant & Nursery Nativity Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm Last Junior Swimming 3.15 – 4.30pm
Thurs 9 th Junior Carol Concert in Church 7.30pm
Fri 10 th Infant & Nursery Nativity Service in Church 2pm
Wed 15 th End of Term

January 2011

Tue 4 th Jan Year 6 Practice Test Morning
Thur 6 th Jan Term starts

Term Dates

Autumn 2010

Wed, 8th, September - Wed, 15th Dec

Spring 2011

Thur, 6th Jan – *Fri 8th April*****

Half Term – Mon, 21st Feb – Fri, 25th Feb

Summer 2011

*****Tue 3rd May*** – Thur 14th July**

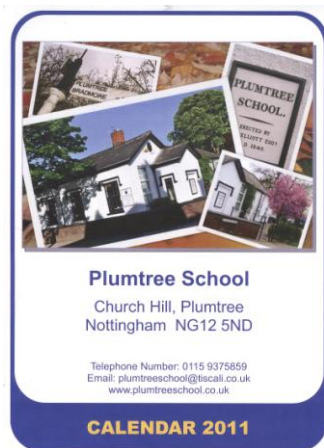
Half Term - Mon, 30th May – Fri, 3rd June

Bank Holiday – Mon, 2nd May

Note date change due to the Royal Wedding

Team points

So far the team points are going well. Team Shakespeare are winning on 1078, in second place is Team Marie Curie with 1036 and in last place is Team Churchill with 982. The winners at the end of the term will get a pencil with their colour on it and a special treat. So keep trying to win as many points for your team.



By William Yarnell & Fred Tindale

Our School Calendar 2011

Brilliant pictures and graphics by Phil Daniels. Available now.

School Carol Concert



On the **Thursday, 9th December at 7:30pm** our Candlelit Carol Concert will be taking place at St. Mary's Church, Plumtree. This should be a great event with plenty of carols to get you in the mood for Christmas! Ensembles will be performing to add to the festivities. Please feel free to come along and join in the fun at St. Mary's church at 7.30pm.

By Elizabeth Ellis



St. Giles Christmas Concert

The Juniors are singing with The

Nottingham Symphonic Wind Orchestra in St. Giles' Church on the 4th of December at 7.30pm. It will be very exciting and we will have to be on our best behaviour! Francesco Edwards thinks "It will be a great concert, especially as it is on my birthday!" *Everyone is welcome to come along to watch.*



By Connie Brown

The Nursery and Infant Nativity

All of the Nursery and Infants are busy rehearsing for their forthcoming Nativity performance on Friday 10th December at 2pm.

Songs are being learnt, lines are being practised and costumes are being tried on ready for the performance at St. Mary's Church, Plumtree. We are all looking forward to seeing the dress rehearsal.



by Fred Tindale

Features & Comments



Toy Sale

Last week we held a second hand toy sale at the Burnside Hall. We sold things from bikes to small toys to raise funds for our Parents' Association. Thank you to everyone who helped by either giving old toys or books, looking after the stalls or buying a toy.

By Saira Nazar

Sainsbury's Equipment



We have been collecting Sainsbury's vouchers that go towards some fab Sainsbury's equipment! It is very exciting and the equipment will definitely be put to good use! Ella Williams thinks that, "The 'throw and catch' balls are really fun and it's always a race to get to them first!" Everybody really loves them and we will have a great time playing with them! Thank you to everyone who collected the vouchers.

By Connie Brown

James and Adam Receive Their Chief Scouts Bronze Awards



Adam Shaw and James Ellis received their awards from the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Cllr Marie Males in November. They earned their awards earlier this year whilst attending Beavers in Radcliffe - it's the highest award a Beaver can receive! They have now moved on to Cubs and have started working towards their Silver Awards. Well done boys!

ORBS Concert



On Sunday 10th October, Mrs White's ORBS Concert took place at the Albert Hall in Nottingham and it was a fabulous event that raised almost £6,000. We luckily had the Nottingham Symphonic Wind Orchestra playing as well as Plumtree School's Jazz Band conducted by Alistair Parnell and the brilliant Keyworth School of Dance and finally we had ex-pupil Amy Daniels showing off her great ballet skills. Thank you everyone who supported this event.

By Saira Nazar and Elizabeth Ellis

World Book Day Writing Competition

The year 5 & 6's entered a competition for World Book Day. They both had the same sentence to start off their story. The sentence was "There's no such thing as magic," said Emma's mother.' Everyone put a great deal of work into the story and the lucky 10 to be entered from Plumtree were, from Year 5, Alice Bebb and the following from Year 6, Connie Brown, Ella Williams, Francesca Brannan, Elizabeth Ellis, Fred Tindale, Sam Small, Francesco Edwards, Isobel Cohen and Scarlett Beesley. The stories have been entered in the World book day competition by Mrs Connell.



By Francesca Brannan

Sports Review

Fantastic Netball Result Against Salterford House



Our fabulous netball team played and succeeded in a match against Salterford House School before half term. There was an amazing score difference of 14 - 4! Our netball team for the match was Sophie, Connie, Scarlett, Francesca, Ella, Isobel, Elizabeth, Saira and Alice. Francesca our centre was amazing and so were our shooters, Sophie and Connie! Our wings Scarlett, Elizabeth, Saira and Alice were great and so were the defenders Ella and Isobel. Well done girls you all played very well!

Sophie Telfer-Smith

International Netball England v New Zealand



Monday 17th January 2011 at 7pm at Nottingham Ice Arena. Tickets are available from the website www.trentfmarenanottingham.com

Christmas Word Search



BELLS CAROLS CHRISTMAS DECEMBER
FAMILY NATIVITY PRESENTS RUDOLPH
SANTA TURKEY SLEIGH

By Sam Small

Football Match v Salterford House

On the 8th October 2010 the Plumtree School football team walked out onto the Highfields pitch having never played together. First of all James Corden scored to make it 1 - 0 to Plumtree. He then scored again to double Plumtree's lead. It didn't last long though as William scored a goal a couple of minutes after to make it 3-0 to Plumtree. Then Fred scored with a magnificent header. Sam added to that with another. Now the Salterford comeback began with a couple of goals in a space of 10 minutes. The score was 5-3. Then, William scored Plumtree's last goal, but not of the match. Salterford scored another 2 and the pressure was on. Plumtree held on though for a well fought 6-5 win.

By Sam Small

School Outing to Watch Nottingham Rugby



On the 7th November a group of people from Plumtree School went to the rugby match that we, as many of you know, were given free tickets for. Connie Brown said, "It was really cool and exciting. Every time Nottingham scored a try I felt exhilarated!" Unfortunately the Cornish Pirates won with a score of 36 to Cornwall and 10 to Nottingham. 'Better luck next time!' By Ella Williams and Francesca Brannam



Joke Time by William Yarnell

1. What do you call a man with four eyes?
2. What do you call a man with no arms and legs and in the sea?
3. What do you call a deer with no eyes?
4. What do you call a deer with no eyes and no legs?

1. Seymour 2. Bob 3. No eye deer 4. Still no eye deer