



## Spring Term 2011

Welcome to our first edition of 2011. January has just slipped away, thank goodness, and February points towards the Spring. Despite heating school throughout the Christmas break, we still suffered the depressing mess and damage of a burst pipe in the loft above the infant lobby. Fortunately, we were saved from total chaos by Miss Dennis who popped into school on the day before Christmas Eve and discovered the leak. We sprang into action, the leak was repaired, the mess cleared up, the lobby redecorated and re-carpeted along with the Infant 1 classroom just in time for the beginning of term.

## Ex Plumtree Pupil's Wedding



As you may know we had a school wedding on New Year's Eve. Our daughter Anna (pupil from 1982 to 1990) was married in Plumtree Church. The service was conducted by Rt. Rev Stephen Oliver, Bishop of Stepney who was the Rector of Plumtree when we opened school in 1982. He christened Anna in 1984.



Bride and Groom, proud parents and Mrs White senior.

## Past and Present

Anna greets Millie Harrison from Mrs Phillip's Class.



## Exam Results!

Term has got off to a good start with our Year 6 children working really hard to prepare for and sit their 11+ entrance examinations for the various selective, secondary schools. An excellent set of results from a super group of young people. We are very proud of all of them and of the scholarships earned by Connie, Ella and Francesco. As always, I will publish a table of results to add to your handbook.

## Look Out!



## It's Hockey Season.



**Mrs Phillips** goes on maternity leave after half term. We all wish her the best and look forward to seeing the new arrival.



**Joy**, our school cleaner is retiring at Easter. She has been part of our team since 1995! More news to follow.

# Term Time News

## School Diary

### February 2011

Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	Netball 4-5pm Y5 & 6 Football/Cricket 4-5pm Grp 1
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Under the Story Tree (Theatre Company visit) Nursery to Year 3 – Burnside Hall
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	Netball 4-5pm Y3 & 4 Football/Cricket 4-5pm Grp 2
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club

### March 2011

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Netball 4-5pm Y5 & 6 Football/Cricket 4-5pm Grp 1
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Football & Netball matches v Salterford (2pm Highfields)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	Netball 4-5pm Y3 & 4 Football/Cricket Grp 2
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fair 10am-12 noon (Burnside Hall)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	No Swimming Notts Schools Indoor Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> round
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup>	Speech & Drama Exams (School) Parents' Evening
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Speech & Drama Exams (School) Red Nose Day Football match v Dagfa House (3.30pm Highfields)
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Art Club
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Competition
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Football match v Salterford House (2pm Highfields)
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
Thur 31 <sup>st</sup>	Y 3 & 4 Production Dress Rehearsal Netball 4-5pm Y3 & 4 Football match v Greenholme (away – 4pm)

### April 2011

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3 & 4 Production 2pm Burnside Hall
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Plumtree School Music Festival
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Association Race Night (TBA)

### Term Dates

#### Spring 2011

Thur, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Half Term – Mon, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Fri, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### Summer 2011

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Thur 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Half Term - Mon, 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri, 3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### Autumn 2011

Thur, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Thur, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Half Term – Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

#### Spring 2012

Thur, 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar  
(Half Term – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb)

#### Summer 2012

Mon, 16<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July  
(Half Term – Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June)

## The School Green Team



In a recent School Council meeting we have been talking about how to keep the school clean and 'green'. We have come up with a solution of having some monitors or otherwise known as 'the green team' who will take the recycling out to the large bin outside. They will also make sure that lights in classrooms are off when they are not needed. Every so often the team will stand up in assembly and remind everyone about ways to keep the school 'green'! The following children are members of the team: Freya Hoult, Emma Chalmers, Nathan Chandler, Millie Icke, James Corden and Ella Williams.



By Ella Williams and William Yarnell



## The Music Festival



For all the parents with children who play a musical instrument, the school Music Festival is coming up soon! The date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, in the Burnside Hall. Alistair Parnell is very kindly adjudicating. Let's hope that we will have a lot of musical fun! So, get practising and you could be in with a prize!

By Connie Brown



## Team Points



Last term Shakespeare team won the team points. The winning team all got a lovely pencil with their team colour on and got to have their own special playtime and share a whole tub of celebration chocolates. They also got their ribbon put round the trophy for a whole term!! The team points have started again because of the new term. We have also changed the team point monitors; they are now Ella Williams and Sam Small. So every Friday morning they will be coming round to collect the scores. Then they will tell everyone what the scores are for that week.

By William Yarnell and Fred Tindale

# Features & Comments



## Dance Club

The Junior girls have started dance club. The teacher for this is a professional Miss Dennis. So far we have learnt the waltz and the chachacha. It is on Tuesday nights after school till 5pm. All the girls in dance club have great fun but we wouldn't be able to do well if it weren't for our amazing teacher. My favourite dance was the chachacha. I have asked some of the other children in dance club here are what they like most: Ella Williams's favourite is the waltz, Chloe Huddleston's favourite dance is the chachacha and Millie Icke's favourite dance is the waltz.



By Isobel Cohen

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

## RED NOSE DAY

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March

As usual, this is a non-uniform day. Everyone pays a "fine" of £1 on the gate for **COMIC RELIEF**.

**RED IS THE COLOUR - DRESS UP AND COME INTO SCHOOL.**

Some of our young musicians will be entertaining you at the gate as you arrive.

Home-made cakes and biscuits at playtime.

**BUSKING** in the Rancliffe Arms, Bunny at lunchtime.

Football match v Dagfa School at 2.30pm

## Art Club



This term all of the Year 3 & 4 were offered a place in art club and plenty of people wanted to join in. This term they are creating beautiful silk painting cushions.

By Elizabeth Ellis & Saira Nazar



## Spring Fair



The Spring Fair will be taking place on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> March and should be great fun for anyone who wants to come along. The Years 5 and 6 will be organising the stalls and the exhibition this year will be based on the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey. Every child will be given a paper plate to decorate to commemorate this special day. Please come along if you can make it!



By Elizabeth Ellis

## Joke Time by Ella Williams

(A rabbit walks into a news agent)

**Rabbit:** Can I have some carrots?

**Shop Assistant:** Sorry, we don't sell carrots. You need the green grocers across the road.

(The rabbit walks out of the shop and goes home)

(The next day the rabbit goes back to the news agent)

**Rabbit:** Can I have some carrots?

**Shop Assistant:** I told you yesterday we don't sell carrots. You need the green grocers across the road!

(The rabbit walks out of the shop again and walks home.)

(This keeps happening until the shop assistant gets very cross!)

(For the 10<sup>th</sup> time the rabbit walks into the news agent!)

**Rabbit:** Can I have some carrots?

**Shop Assistant:** I'VE TOLD YOU TIME AND TIME AGAIN WE DO NOT SELL CARROTS! IF YOU ASK ME ONE MORE TIME I WILL NAIL YOU'RE EARS TO THE WALL!

(The rabbit walks out the shop **again** and goes home!)

(The next morning the rabbit comes back to the shop!)

**Rabbit:** Do you have any **nails**?

**Shop Assistant:** Well, no.

**Rabbit:** Can I have some carrots?



# Sports Review

## Hockey



On a Friday afternoon over the Spring Term, the Junior girls are now learning to play hockey. The Sainsbury's vouchers you all kindly collected enabled us to order lots of hockey sticks for school. All of the girls have been given gum shields and shin pads. Scarlett says 'It's great fun and we get to learn new skills!' We all love it and are hoping to get goal keeping equipment next year!

By Sophie Telfer-Smith & Connie Brown

## Netball Matches Vs Salterford House



The netballers are getting ready for what will be a great couple of matches against Salterford House! To help our netball skills and techniques we are training at Cotgrave Leisure Centre on Thursdays after school! As some of you may know we have played Salterford on many occasions and last time we played them we won by a whopping 10 goals with a score of 4-14! We are hoping to have a similar result this time! If you would like to watch our netball team play Salterford, we are playing on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, then please do come along and support us at Highfields! Everyone is welcome!

By Ella Williams and Scarlett Beesley

## Netball match against New Zealand



On the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, at the Nottingham Ice Arena, a netball match took place between England and New Zealand. Alice Bebb and her mum went to watch. Alice says "It was so amazing how quickly the ball got across the pitch!" The final score was very close. It was 41-39 to New Zealand and England came back in the last quarter. Come on England, you can do it!

By Alice Bebb and Connie Brown



## Boys Football

The boys football team have already got off to a great start this year. They played Salterford House, who we beat 6-5 and have played St. Josephs who we also beat 8-1 to Plumtree. Last week we played Greenholme and won 5 – 3. The football team has several games coming up. The match dates are on 4<sup>th</sup> March against Salterford House (home), on 18<sup>th</sup> March against Dagfa House, on 25<sup>th</sup> March again a match against Salterford House (home) and on 31<sup>st</sup> March against Greenholme (away). Let's hope the forthcoming games are just as successful.

## Match Report against St. Josephs

On the 21<sup>st</sup> January the boys played St. Josephs. In the first few minutes James Corden passed the ball across the box and Sam Small touched it round the goalkeeper. That gave St. Josephs a worry and soon after James scored and doubled the lead. It was 2-0 and then Sam scored again to put St. Josephs out of it or so we thought. James scored another and then Will Yarnell scored another to make it surely out of reach. But then the St. Joseph captain received the ball and hit a good shot which narrowly beat Harry Fairlie. When the opposition were climbing back into it James scored. It was 5-1 and then Fred Tindall scored. Christian Brannan ran down the wing and crossed it in. It came off a St. Josephs player's head. Nearing the end of the game Plumtree never took their feet off the pedals. It payed off and Will scored ending the match 8-1.

Football reporting by Sam Small and Francesco Edwards



## The Ashes

The cricket season is nearing and 'The Ashes' Test Series have all been played "down under" in Australia. England has retained 'The Ashes' for the first time in 24 years The England team are playing test matches, 20/20's and ODI's against the Australian team. We hope our school cricket teams will be successful.

By William Yarnell & Fred Tindale