



# Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School

## Newsletter - November 2012

*"Outstanding quality care, guidance and support ensure that all pupils are valued and their*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. As always, it has been a very busy half term with lots to celebrate. We hope that you enjoy reading about it.

### Class 5 'theatre' visit!

On Tuesday 2nd October, Class 5 visited ETC to watch Buggy Malone.

They had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the performance by the students and staff of ETC.

Their favourite parts of the show were: the guns with the silly string; the pie throwing and the dancing. They also thought that the singing was good, "Fat Sam" was a particularly brilliant singer they felt!

Kate Messenger thought that the dancing was brilliant, and Stan Kilburn really liked the American accents that the actors used.

To show their appreciation of the performance, on their return to school Class 5 wrote some thank you letters.

### Key dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 15th November, 6.30:  
Fashion show**

Tickets are available from the school office at a cost of £2.00 for adults and 50p for children.

This proved very popular last year, please help us to make it another success..

- **Friday 7th December, 2-4pm:  
Christmas Fair**

Further details as to how to contribute to this will be provided asap.

### School Traffic

The safety of our children is, of course, of paramount importance to all of us. Traffic around school is causing concern at the beginning and end of the day. To minimise any danger:

- Please do not park on the zigzag lines
- Children should not be dropped off or picked up on the hill outside school
- Parents waiting on the hill, please ensure that children can safely pass you without having to step off the pavement

The church kindly allows us use of their parking facilities. We will be requesting that the local PCSOs patrol the area on occasion.

**Help us to keep all our children safe.**

### Harvest Festival October 2012

On Thursday 18th October, the school performed its Harvest Festival service at St Paul's Church. All the classes took part and shared with us their thoughts about Harvest. Class 1's Dingle Dangle Scarecrow was very entertaining and we enjoyed Class 2 sharing with us lots of interesting facts about apples. Class 3 shared a poem on vegetables and lead the service in Harvest Prayers.

Class 4 were very musical with their performance of Sing a Song of Harvest, the dancing was particularly energetic! Class 5 then finished off with their ideas about gifts for the world, which made us really think about how lucky we are. We finished with our favourite song although we were a little disappointed with the fact that our Mums and Dads didn't join in with the actions! A great afternoon where we were also able to collect and send lots of food to a local charity in Dewsbury which Mrs Exley kindly accepted on their behalf. Thank you all for your gifts and for attending the service.



## KS1/EYFS Family Learning Day

On Monday, 8th October, we had a day where our mums and dads were invited to come and visit and see what we do in our classes. On the board, we put a timetable so that the grown up would know what we were doing at what time. We had our photographs taken with our parent to show how much we enjoyed them being there.

In the morning, we did some writing and the visiting parents helped us. Also, we did some measuring. It was great fun to show our parents how we learn.

In the afternoon, we did a sheet about growing up and we looked at pictures of ourselves when we were babies. Year 2 went into class 1 to plan their box model houses. Our parents could see that we are real clever clogs! We enjoyed showing our mums and dads how much fun we have in school.

By Class 2

### SMS service

Our new text messaging service allows us to quickly message the primary contact mobile number for each child. We hope this is proving useful. Any emergency closure information will now be texted as well as on our school website [www.hangingheaton.co.uk](http://www.hangingheaton.co.uk). Please let Mrs Thompson know should you have any further ideas as to how to improve home/school communications.

### Lunch on us

On Wednesday 19th September class 1 invited parents and grandparents to come and have lunch with us. It was great fun and we all enjoyed showing our grown up around the school and where we have our lunch. Some of the grown ups got a bit confused about what to do but luckily we knew what we were doing! The food was delicious and we had great fun! We would like to show our families around school again..

### Athletics Y3/4

On 23rd October some members of Year 3 and 4 went to athletics at ETC. Chickenley and Bywell were also there and we did lots of different tasks such as sit-ups, step-ups, chest push, vertical and long jumps, speed bounce and lots of races including relays. We enjoyed ourselves and did really well with lots of us winning or coming very close in different events

### Munch!

On Tuesday, 19th October, Munch and Dudette came to visit KS1 and talk to us about keeping fit and healthy. We discussed what meals we should eat and all the different kinds of activities to keep us fit and healthy.

### Y1 and 2 Athletics

We started with a warm up. We did sit ups. We did jumps. We did chest passes. We did javelin. We played against Chickenley, Shaw Cross and Earlsheaton. We had a really good time in the competition.

By Lyla and Ashton, Class 2

### Ravenshall!

On Thursdays, Class 4 and 5 worked with the young leaders of Ravenshall School in their PE lessons. They took part in team games, cricket and basketball. The children have really enjoyed working with the young leaders as they got to play some new games and felt they improved their