

# Tividale Community Primary School

## Newsletter October 2015



### Thank you...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your support so far this year. We have had a great start to the new school year and all the children have settled into their new classes really well. We have already had some fantastic homework projects sent in this term and we are currently ensuring that there are a number of areas around school to display some of them so that they are on view for all visitors to school to see to excellent quality of the projects.

Thank you also to the Key Stage 2 parents in particular for your patience in collecting your children from the gated area. We are aware that it is a very congested space, but are grateful to the parents who are now taking a few steps back and waiting further away for your children to come to you. Please be assured that safety for the children remains just as important in this situation, as children are only allowed through the gate when teachers are sure that parents are there. A further thank you goes to those of you who have registered your interest in the First Aid sessions for Parents. Mrs Lloyd will be in touch with you shortly to give you more details.

### Parking...

Thank you to those parents who make every effort to continue to park considerately and safely to help protect our children.

It is disappointing, however, that there is still a small minority of parents who are parking on yellow lines, on corners, double parking and even parking on neighbour's driveways. I have witnessed a number of alarming and perilous situations involving children, whereby cars are making dangerous manoeuvres, especially at home time. We have had quite a few complaints over the past weeks. You should also be aware that I have asked the police and the council to make more regular visits during peak times and I have been told they will issue parking tickets to those cars that are being parked illegally.



### Wet Mornings ....reminder....

On wet mornings children will be allowed into school at 8.45am when staff will be available to take responsibility for them. When mornings are wet, please try to ensure that your children do not arrive in school before 8.45am. Key Stage 1 and Reception children should enter school through the door in the Key Stage 1 playground where a teacher will be on duty and Key Stage 2 children through the Year 3/4 door.

### A busy month at Tividale....

October has been a hive of activity here at school, so I wanted to take the opportunity to tell you about some of the things our children have been doing...

It started with Y6 going on a trip to Liverpool. They have been learning all about the Titanic and it's legacy, and visited the museum there to aid their studies. They spent time following the experiences of different passengers, researching their lives, the reasons for them leaving England to make a new life in America, and ultimately their fate. Survivor or Victim? Whilst in Liverpool, the children also had a chance to cross the River Mersey on the ferry, which was a fabulous experience.

Year 4 were also great ambassadors for our school when they went out on their school trip to the Black Country Museum. They also spent time following the life of a particular child from the Victorian era, and learned about clothes, food, school, work, homes and leisure activities that the children would have been involved in during their lifetime. The museum were so impressed by the children that they took the trouble to inform me that their behaviour and enthusiasm for learning was outstanding and the best they had ever known. Well done Year 4!

There are many more exciting educational visits planned for November, not forgetting the first week back after half term, when Years 5 & 6 will be visiting Edgmond Hall in Shropshire for an adventurous outdoor activity week.

## A busy month at Tividale (continued)....

Our assemblies this month have shown us all about the stimulating learning that has been taking place in some of our year groups. Class 4 taught us all about the reigns of Queen Elizabeth 1 and Queen Victoria, not to mention including information about their nasty habits, such as Queen Elizabeth never cleaning her teeth! Year 3 gave us a vibrant and informative explanation about the Islamic festivals of Eid, and helped us to understand the importance of these festivals to Muslims and the influence of the moon in the timing of the festivals of Eid and Ramadan. We also had two excellent Harvest Festival Assemblies performed by all the children in their respective Key Stages. This was, as usual, very well supported- and enjoyed- by parents and relatives. The Year 5 Diwali assembly will be taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

As well as all of this, the whole of the month of October each year sees children at Tividale celebrate Black History month. Black History Month is held every October in Britain and it's aims are to:

- promote knowledge of Black History and experience
- disseminate information on positive Black contributions to British Society
- heighten the confidence and awareness of Black people in their cultural heritage.

All across our school from Nursery to year 6, our children have enjoyed listening to assemblies, stories, role-playing, researching and learning about important events and people from Black history which have had an impact on the way we live our lives in today's society. In particular, they studied musicians, sports people and politicians. This work was shared across classes in a showcase afternoon, where children performed and shared their creations with each other. Photo slideshows will be uploaded this week onto our website for you to view. They can be found under the 'School Events' tab, in 'Other Events' at the bottom of the drop down menu.



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2015

### Important Days/Dates for November 2015

2 - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5&6 visit to Edmond Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Disco
9 -12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Workshop Week
13 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform day for Children in Need
18 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 to be visited by a Roman Soldier
18 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 visit to Tamworth Castle
20 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 visit to RAF Cosford
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Diwali Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Weeks

### Finally...

Thank you to all parents and carers who donated towards our fabulous Harvest Festivals. The food was donated to nominated local senior citizens and a food bank, where it is always gratefully received.

*E Burnell*

Head Teacher

30<sup>th</sup> October 2015