

# High Halstow Primary School News 4

November 2011

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Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to Term 2. The staff and I hope you had a restful break and although the weather was variable it did cause the trees to turn those wonderful autumnal shades. As we approach the winter months lets hope the sun shines and it continues to stay dry.

As the pupils returned many of them came laden with boxes for the Shoe Box Appeal 2011. Thank you for sending in so many; Blythswood will collect them from school this week. So by next week, after being checked, the boxes will be on their way to Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. I know the boxes will bring joy and cheer to other families at that special time of year.

The School Council have met and decided on their charities for the year and they have decided to support The Evelina Children's Hospital, Demelza House and British Heart Foundation. During the year pupils will raise monies for the charities and will present equal amounts to the organisations at the end of this academic year. The events to raise the money have been decided too and these will be wear a colour, bring a bear to show you care and a talent show. Watch out for details of these and in anticipation of your support for these events, thank you. By supporting those who are not as fortunate as us pupils can learn so much about their world.

The PTA have been busy buying, pricing and wrapping gifts for the Christmas Shop. At the shop, open on specific lunchtimes see the diary overleaf, pupils will be able to buy from a selection of gifts priced very reasonably so that you can be surprised on Christmas Day! More details of shopping days will follow but the shop will be open during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December. The PTA have also arranged for a Pantomime to visit after school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December so that pupils can enjoy live theatre. All pupils can attend the after school performance and tickets will be available soon.

Staff will soon be working with pupils on the Christmas productions that you are invited to at the church. Please see the dates in the diary and look out for further details.

Did you realise there were less than 300 days to the Olympic Games? This year, in partnership with Medway 2012 our special aspect to study is sport and work throughout the year will reflect our journey to the games culminating in an exhibition of work at Medway Park, Gillingham. We will also be continuing our links with partners in other parts of the world; France, Ukraine and South Africa.

So we're off to another busy term but please remember should you have any worries or questions you can always see the teacher at the end of the day or write a note in the contact book.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P.M.Sanford  
Head Teacher



## WALKING BUS COME AND TRY SESSION

Help reduce the traffic congestion at 3:15 pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November by trying the WALKING BUS. If successful the bus will run each Wednesday.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Pupils will be performing Christmas productions this year on the following dates.

Should the church be needed for other unexpected reasons the productions will be performed in the school hall.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm**

Parent/carers of pupils in Years 1 and 2

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10:30 am**

Parents/carers in Grasshopper Class  
(Should you have a child in Year 1 or Year 2 please note they will also be at the church performing)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm**

Parents/carers of pupils in Years 3,4,5,6

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Term 2 begins
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 3:15 pm	Walking Bus Come and Try session
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 10:00	Assembly to parents/carers of Butterfly Class
Week of 7 <sup>th</sup> November	National School Meals Complimentary Meals Offer
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November or Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 8:40- 10:30	Open Morning for parents/carers in Spider Class
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November or Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 8:40-11:30	Open Morning for parents/carers in Dragonfly Class
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA meeting in school 7:00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> or Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 8:40-11:30	Open Morning for parents/carers in Ladybird Class
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 10:00	Assembly to parents/carers of Cricket Class
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December or Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> 8:40 -10:30	Open Morning for parents/carers in Cricket Class
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> or Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Shop open to pupils Details to follow
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Open Classroom 3:15 PTA Christmas Fair 3:30 in school hall
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 3:15	Pantomime in school (Details to follow)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production to parents/carers (see above)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	1:00 pm Cinema in school
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 3:15	End of Term 2
<b>Term 3</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2012	Professional Development Day for Staff; school closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	School open to pupils