



Gilsland C of E Primary School

Junior Class Newsletter

March 2009



Dear Parents,

We have had a busy half-term, with a number of visitors coming into school to work with the children. The juniors made some fabulous plaster figures of the mythical character Baba Yaga with the artist Diane Steadman. These figures, along with the infants art work will go into an exhibition to be held next term in association with five other schools in the Brampton area.

The juniors have also written and composed a "Recycle Rap" with musician Veronica Perrin from Music Links. The song is to be submitted into a County wide competition for the "R" Factor challenge. The winning entry will be recorded and used as a promotional song to encourage young people to recycle more.

We will be holding a parent's evening this half term. I am looking forward to meeting you to talk about the progress your child is making in school. A letter detailing the times and dates will be given out shortly.



REMEMBER

Games kit is needed on a

FRIDAY

P.E. Kit is needed for

MONDAY



Please do feel free to call in and see me if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child or just come in to see what we have been doing in class.

Residential Visit - Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th June

There has been a wonderful response to the Year 4,5,6 residential visit planned for June. Thank you to those parents who returned their permission slips to promptly. I will be arranging a parent's evening to give you more details nearer the time. In the meantime if you have any questions, just call in or give me a ring at school. Afternoons are always best.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on **Thursday 12th March**. A letter will be going out soon for you to select times.

SAT's Week

Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May 2009

The year six children will be sitting their SAT's tests between the 11th and 15th May.



"One of us is in serious trouble!"

Out topic for this half term will be

"Good Vibrations"

This is a science topic exploring different sounds and how we are able to hear them. It will link to the work we will be doing in music where we will be making our own musical instruments and composing a "Rap" tune to accompany our poem on recycling.



In Literacy we will be following the Literacy Strategy guidance and will be focusing on stories from other cultures and instructional writing. The children will have the opportunity to develop their writing skills through the bi-weekly "Big Write" session.

In Numeracy we will be focusing on number work, including multi-step problem solving, fractions, multiplication and division.

In Religious Education we will be focusing on friends and friendship discussing what makes a friend. As we move to the end of the term, we will be re-visiting the Easter story.

In design and technology, we will be making our own musical instruments and later on in the term designing an Easter hat.

In French we will be learning to talk about our families and our pets.

In ICT we will be making a multi-media presentation.