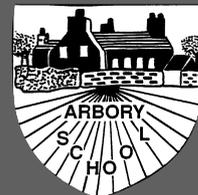


Arbory School Newsletter



1st June 2011 No.8

Dear Parents

TT fortnight is upon us again and it hardly seems possible, especially considering the unseasonal weather we have been experiencing. Despite the wind and rain, we have all shown a true commitment to supporting our children and many thanks goes to parents and staff who have braved the elements in the last few weeks in order to help with the various school trips.

Summer Fayre

The 'summer' fayre was a great occasion and the heavy downpours did not dampen our spirits. The refreshments stall had an especially busy time after the second downpour and once again everyone rallied round to make sure that everything continued as well as it could. The swing band and the gymnasts did a great job of performing in a cramped hall while the dancers still managed to entertain us in the cold and windy conditions on the field. I was also surprised that there was such brisk trading down at the stocks which added nearly £30 to the overall total within a quarter of an hour. Wait until I have been here a few more years and who knows what that might raise! After much drying of notes (in a cool oven) and coins, the final tally came to **£1,267.14** which was an amazing amount when everything else was taken into consideration. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Quirk and the Friends as well as Mr. Callow and the teaching staff for all their efforts. Mr. Cowin kept our spirits up with the music and his up to date weather reporting and I would like to thank him for his support.

A ladies blue coat and golf umbrella was found after the fayre which can be collected from the school office. There is also one raffle prize - Blue Ticket AC 764466 - which needs to be claimed.

Uniform

Please could everyone check to see whether your child is wearing the correct named school uniform. If any items of uniform have someone else's name on them, please return them to the school office.

Southern Befrienders Silver Event

The Southern Befrienders sponsored event in school raised £287.65. Well done to the children trying their best at the event.

Arbory Commissioners - Digital Photography Competition

This competition is open to children aged 7 and above. In the 7-11 category the subject is 'Parish Scene' and two entries may be submitted. The winning prize is £25 and the runner-up receives £15.

Please note that the closing date is **Friday 10th June** (e-mail photos to metmann@hotmail.com)

Laa Columb Killey

This year the event takes place on Thursday 23rd June and school closes at 12pm in order for the children to take part in the afternoon. You will be receiving a newsletter this week with further information.

Sports Day

Our annual sports day takes place on the afternoon of Tuesday 14th June. There will be a practice on the morning of Monday 13th June so all the children will need P.E. kits in school on the first day back. The sports day itself starts at **1.10pm** on the school field.

Love Outdoor Play

The Isle of Man Children's Centre has asked us to mention a UK-wide campaign that they are promoting here. The campaign 'aims to build a visible community to support reasonably safe exploration, adventure and play.' More information can be obtained from Chris Gregory on 676076 email

chrisgregory@thechildrenscentr.org.im. Car stickers are also available from the school office.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd June - School Closes for TT Holiday

Monday 13th June - School opens

Thursday 23rd June - Laa Columb Killey

Monday 27th June - Y6 Parents Meeting for Venture Centre Trip 7pm

Wednesday 29th June - Choir singing at Cruinnaght Aeg - Port St.Mary

Thursday 30th June - Y6 at Crucial Crew

Thursday 30th June - Dance Teams BCD at Cruinnaght Aeg - Port St. Mary

Thursday 7th July - Dance Team A at Cruinnaght Aeg - Ramsey

Monday 11th July - Year 6 visit to the Venture Centre

Thursday 21st July - Leavers` Assembly and Prizes (provisional)

Friday 22nd July - End of term.

May I wish you all a happy and safe TT holiday.

Your sincerely

J H Ayres

Headteacher