

# Recreation Road Infant School

Newsletter 8 May 2014



What a busy and short half term!

## **Staff:**

Staff have been busy working on transition plans for children coming into school, leaving to go to Junior Schools and also moving to new year groups.

Our Reception team have started their ten week training at Parkside on Sign Along. They are practising like mad and using the new signs they learn each week with their current classes. Other members of staff have been busy working on the development of the New Primary Curriculum which comes into force in September. This work is being led by Michael Bunting and we will be publishing the outcomes shortly.

Our SENDCo, Naomi Potter, is currently working with our cluster colleagues to look at the changes that will take effect when SEN Code of Practice changes in September and new Education, Health and Care Plans are introduced.

Writing children's Records of Achievement and Moderation Activities are also taking place.

## **Children:**

Classes are working hard and children have been proud to share their work and achievements within school...see our first Comic Club Publication!

Althea won first prize for her cover design for the new Boden Catalogue. Well done!

Harley managed to raise £227.96 for the church roof at St Anne's Church. Fantastic!

## **Leadership Team and Governors:**

We have met with an Education Challenge Partner from out of county as part of Norfolk2Good and Great project. She is a very experienced Ofsted Inspector and has a wealth of headship and international school leadership experience. We had a very fruitful discussion including analysis of our school data. She was very positive about the work we were doing and the work that she saw and was especially interested in our inquiry approach. A more detailed report will be with us soon.

New staff have been appointed: one Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisors Role to support transition from Year 2 to Year 3-welcome to Heather who will join us after half term.

Congratulations to Luke Wheeler and Sheree Brock who will take on Year Group Leadership Roles next year.

## **PTA:**

Planning has started for our Summer Fete and our Annual Bike Day was held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

PTA members have been working really hard supporting events in school. Great Team!

## **Spare Clothes**

If you have any socks or underwear that your child has grown out of and are still in reasonable condition we would love to have them for our Spare Clothes Drawer.

Please pop any items into the school office. Thanks

## **Recreation Road Comic Club Group**

Antonio Papaleo has been working with a small group of children to develop our very own comic strip. We hope to publish an edition each month. Many thanks and well done for working well together to produce the first edition- Thomas Manrique, Max Papaleo, Ella Thompson-Read, Skye Campbell, Arwen McAlenan, Wills Bramwells, Jasmine Brown, Sam Lemmon, Lauren Mumford-Smith and Matilda Hunter.

## **Year One Writing Project**

The children all produced wonderful pieces of fiction writing and are now concentrating on non-narrative writing forms this half term. Each class undertook a one-to-one feedback and review which helped the children focus on where they had made improvements and what they had enjoyed. It was lovely to read that there were so many enjoyable writing experiences and the children were very clear about how they could go on to improve. Several Year One children have got the “writing bug” and are busy producing stories and books during the day and at home.

Here are some of the comments from the children:

“I must remember to put finger spaces in my writing.”

“My spelling has improved. I try to use sounds sometimes or look to see if I’ve written the word before and then copy it.”

“I liked writing about Blink the owl because he went on his first flight and saw interesting things.”

“I liked the writing about New York because it was challenging.”

“I’m proud of my writing...I am getting better.”

## **Dates For Your Diaries:**

**Half Term Holiday Starts on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tri-Golf Events in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Sports Morning on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – see class newsletters for details**

**School Closed-Staff Training Day- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**