

# GREAT LINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER NO. 2 NOVEMBER 2008

### NEW BICYCLE SHELTERS

We hope you will have seen our new bicycle shelters which were funded by our Travel Plan application, a nationwide initiative. To support safe travel to school, we ask that all those wishing to ride to school apply for a bike permit, available from the school office. We continue to take part in the WOW scheme which encourages children to walk or park & stride (from the Coop carpark) at least once a week.

### CHARITY

Thank you for your support for our recent charity appeals.

- Helpers at The Food Bank were very grateful for your donations which will support families in crisis in Milton Keynes.
- As you may have seen, we now have a Salvation Army Clothing Bank container which is sited near the bicycle shelter. This is for regular donations of spare clothing etc, which should be placed in a plastic bag. This is in conjunction with the Blue Bag Scheme which is a twice yearly collection for larger amounts.
- The whole school took part in a minutes silence on Tuesday at 11am for Remembrance Day and many children purchased poppies to support The Royal British Legion.
- Once again, we will be taking part in Children in Need day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Children are welcome to come to school wearing spots/yellow or both in return for a small donation to the charity. Donations for a cake sale will also be gratefully received.

### CAR PARKING

As you are aware, we continue to be concerned about the dangers of parking outside the school at the beginning and end of the school day. The Police Community Support Officers have patrolled on a number of occasions and MK Council are currently proposing an order to prohibit vehicles stopping outside a number of schools including ours, between the hours of 8am and 6pm. Governors are extremely concerned about the safety issues associated with parking, including the misuse of the staff car park by parents, recently resulting in a near-miss of a small child. If you are a Blue Badge holder, please contact the school office to discuss your requirements.

## PROCEDURE FOR EMERGENCY CLOSURE - ANNUAL REMINDER

Milton Keynes Council has a system for communicating school closures to the media and the public. This system is particularly useful if a school has to close in an emergency, such as flooding or heavy snow fall.

If you think our school may be closed, for example in bad weather, you can find out by:

- Visiting the Council's website [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolclosures)
- Listening to Horizon Radio or BBC Three Counties Radio
- Visiting [www.horizonmk.co.uk](http://www.horizonmk.co.uk) or [www.bbc.co.uk/threecounties](http://www.bbc.co.uk/threecounties)

If you visit these websites it is important to press Refresh or the F5 button to refresh your screen as details of school closures will constantly be updated.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 <sup>th</sup> November	Blue Bag Collection
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 trip to Banbury Museum
10 <sup>th</sup> December	School Discos
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performance dress rehearsal 10am
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance 2pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance 2pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Christmas Celebration - 2.15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	School closed - Staff Training Day
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Back to School
11 - 15 May	Year 6 SATs week - please note that no leave of absence will be granted for this week.