



# Holt Community Primary School

## Newsletter Autumn No. 2

### 18th September 2012



Holt and Mannington class spent a fabulous day building a bug hotel in our wildlife area. Over the next few weeks we will be checking the hotel regularly to see if we have any guests.

#### Attendance

Last year we achieved a disappointing attendance rate of 93.4 %. This represents a total of over 2000 days lost and is the reason why some children are not making enough progress. Obviously, if a child has a cold or sickness bug they should stay at home but far too many children have attendance rates of well below 85%. This year our target is 95% attendance. We aim to achieve this by:

- Awarding a certificate for full attendance each term.
- Awarding Clyde to the class with the best attendance.
- Monitoring attendance closely and reporting back to parents regularly.
- If attendance rate falls below 90%, parents will be asked to meet Mr Sutcliffe, the teacher with responsibility for attendance.
- If the attendance rate falls below 85% we will look to involve the attendance officer.
- If the attendance rate is below 90% we will not authorise holidays.
- We will launch this initiative with a grand attendance draw. For each full week attended each child will be given a ticket which will be entered into the grand draw at Christmas.

#### School Improvement Plan

Our main targets this year are as follows:

- Improve attendance.
- Introduction of a new topic based curriculum which embeds English and Maths.
- Raise the attainment in writing particularly the boys.
- Develop independent learning skills.
- Offer sports clubs every day.
- Improve the communication with parents through regular coffee mornings and class newsletters.
- Improve the consistency of homework.
- Increase the contact with pre-school groups.

#### Friends of Holt

Last year the friends group organised heaps of fund raising events including a Christmas fayre, a summer fair, two discos and a quiz night. The money raised helped pay for the new junior play equipment and the infant fun-agator. The Friends are always looking for new members so come along to their first meeting on Thursday 27th September at 2pm in the staff room.

#### Dates for your diary

Year R, 1 and 2 Pet Assembly - 9.05am Wed 17th Oct  
 Year 5 and 6 Trip to Poppy Line- Thur 18th Oct  
 Parent/teacher consultations -22nd, 23rd, 24th Oct  
 Break up for Half term 26th Oct  
 Year 4 - Horstead trip - 7-9th Nov  
 Individual Photographs - 13th Nov  
 Year 6 class assembly - 9.05 am Wed 14th Nov  
 Year 4 class assembly - 9.05 am Wed 21st Nov  
 Year 5 class assembly - 9.05 am Wed 28th Nov  
 Year 3 class assembly - 9.05 am Wed 5th Dec



Congratulations to year 5 for winning Clyde the attendance owl with 100% attendance.