

Newsletter

26th February 2010

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Welcome back to a new half term - and the snow! I hope you all had a great half term break.

The Rock Band!

On the last Friday of half term we had a rock band from the Performing Arts Group who entertained, educated and engaged us all! Mr Jones' dancing was particularly noteworthy! The whole school rocked when Riff Raff, a five piece rock band, visited us from the performing arts service. They sang songs through the decades and from around the world. All the children sang and danced, and had a thoroughly fantastic afternoon.



"Riff Raff came to Howes and were great! We danced and rocked around the hall. My favourite part was going back in time." Karam Athwall

"Riff Raff were awesome! They had five people in their rock band. They played loud songs from Africa and Brazil. We all had a fabulous time." Kurun Marok

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property collected over the last term and a half. Two parents from Friends of Howes have gone through the clothing to sort and to check for names. The majority of items do not have names or they have faded. Next Friday we will be putting out the lost property in the hall during the day for children to check and then in the playground for parents and carers to check. So please take a look - you might find some long lost items!

Year 4 Trip to Brandon Marsh



On Thursday Year 4 visited Brandon Marsh to learn about different habitats as part of their Science topic. They had great fun learning about birds, mammals, mini beasts and food chains. Everyone had a super day and were a credit to the school.

"We went to Brandon Marsh yesterday and learned about animals in their habitats, We played games and had fun learning about our Science topic. I found rabbit bones and different types of minibeasts."



Ella Miller



"At Brandon Marsh we learned about rabbits and food chains. We went bird watching and hunted for minibeasts. It was lots of fun."

Ciara Harley

Bags 2 School

Thank you to everyone who sent in items for the collection - they were piled high to the ceiling. This means more funds raised for school.

Fire Drills

On Wednesday we had our termly fire drill. The children did well - although some of reception were disappointed there was no fire engine!



Invitation Books

If you wish to purchase an invitation book, there are still some left. Please see Mrs Merrett at the office if you are interested.

Dates for Diary

World Book Day and Book Fair Thursday and Friday
at 8:30 - 9:15 and 3:15 - 4:45.

Buzz Day on Friday and Year 5 assembly - all welcome



Parenting Event

You will have received information today regarding a positive parenting event which I hope as many parents as possible will attend. This is a government site which you might find helpful.

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/index.htm>

"If I had my child to raise all over again, I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later. I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less. I would do less correcting and more connecting. I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes. I'd take more hikes and fly more kites. I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play. I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars. I'd do more hugging and less tugging.

~Diane Loomans, from "If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again"

"The trouble with learning to parent on the job is that your child is the teacher."

~Robert Brault,

Mrs C Brammer
Headteacher