



**ST KATHARINE'S CofE (VC)
SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 17
24th June 2011**

Dear Parent,

The school is busy rehearsing in preparation for the end of term production 'Hoodwinked'. I am sure some of you are getting to know the songs really well!

We are half way through our Robin Hood Friday afternoons which are proving to be a great success. The dance groups have been very imaginative in creating their dance movements. There is a competition between the art groups to see who can collect the largest branch/tree to use for their printing ideas. The animation groups have been producing their own Robin Hood films and finally the orienteering groups have been out in the forest searching for clues and learning more about the forest around them. Each week the groups alternate so at the end of the four weeks each group would have experienced all four activities.

We have had a visit from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust who carried out exciting workshops with the whole school. Hazel class made instruments using recycled waste materials, Oak class were 'Waste Detectives' and audited the school's

waste and decided what could be done with it and how it could be reduced. Sycamore class looked at energy and the global perspective and looked at the effects of large carbon footprints and wasteful behaviour on our planet. We would like to thank the PTA as they funded the day.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Revd Rodney Harrison and his family whilst he is recovering from his illness in Great Western hospital.

**Sharon Cross
Acting Headteacher**

'Early Birds'

I would like to remind you that children are not supervised by members of staff in the morning until 8.40 a.m. Please do not drop your child off before then unless you are staying with them. Thank you.

Dates to draw your attention to:
Please note that we have included in Dates for your Diary dates for the school production. You will also find attached to this letter dates for the next academic year which include T D Days.

St Katharine's Church Fair

St Katharine's Church Fair is on Saturday 2 July from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., some children will be participating. If your child is involved there will be a letter coming home on Monday.

Industrial Action by Teaching Staff

As you will be aware, the Teachers' Unions have called for a national strike on Thursday 30th June. Our three teachers who are scheduled to be in school on that day are members of the unions concerned and are supporting the strike action. They have informed us that they will not be attending school on that day. As a school we are prevented by law from arranging alternative teachers for the classes concerned. We have therefore reluctantly taken the decision that we have no alternative but to close the school on that day.

THEREFORE THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE OPEN ON THURSDAY 30TH JUNE.

Nut Allergies

As you are aware we have two children in school with severe nut allergies. We are trying to promote a 'nut free' zone in school; therefore produce containing nuts is not encouraged in school. This includes packed lunches, mid morning snacks, star worker treats, birthday treats etc

Absence

If your child is ill, please telephone the school office before 9.30 a.m. on the day to let us know. Please follow this up with a note giving details. If we are not notified of the reasons for an absence, an "unauthorised absence" will be recorded on their school record. Requests for absence in term time for reasons other than illness must be made in advance on an Absence

Request form available from the school office.

If your child arrives after 9.05 a.m. it will be classed as **unauthorised** and you will be asked to fill in the late register.

*From Little Acorns Great Oaks
Grow*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 & 29 June 2011	Oxenwood Activities at School
30 June 2011	School closed to children due to industrial action by the teaching staff
2 July 2011	St Katharine's Church Fair
4 July 2011	Hazel Class School trip Living
4 - 8 July 2011	Yr 6 Residential
8 July 2011	T D Day (children not required in school)
11 July 2011	Art Week
12 - 14 July	Yr 6 St John's Induction Days.
18 July 2011	Sports Day - details to follow
19, 20, & 21 July	School Production - details to follow
22 July 2011	9.15 Leavers Service in the Church and last day of term.
1 September 2011	T D Day - school closed to children
2 September 2011	First day of Term 1

T D Days for next academic year

Thursday 1st September 2011

Monday 10th October 2011

Friday 10th February 2012

Monday 20th February 2012

Monday 23rd July 2012